



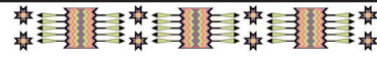
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Come out and enjoy 47th Annual Meeting, 19th Festival!

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - It is time once again to make plans to attend the 47th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and the 19th Annual Chickasaw Festival.

This week-long celebration of tribal culture and heritage is scheduled for September 29 through October 6 in Tishomingo, the historic capitol of the Chickasaw Nation. Events will also take place in Ada, Kullihoma and Thackerville.

The Annual Meeting will include Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby delivering the "State of the Nation" address 9 a.m. Saturday, October 6 at Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College (MSC) in Tishomingo.

"This is such a great time of year for Chickasaws," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We always look forward to gathering with our families and friends to cel-

brate our culture and history."

The State of the Nation address is always followed by the festival parade down Tishomingo's Main Street. Hundreds will gather to watch as bands, floats, organizations and children's groups from across the southern Oklahoma march the parade route.

The festival includes a variety of exciting events designed to appeal to people of all ages. Included are the traditional Chickasaw Lunch on the MSC campus, cultural and dance troupe demonstrations on the capitol grounds, the Chickasaw artists exhibition, the Band Day Extravaganza, Chickasaw White House tours, a horseshoe tournament and more.

Saturday's festival events and activities are conducted throughout Tishomingo on the grounds of the historic Chickasaw Capitol, Pennington Park, Murray

professional singers and groups will be on stage to entertain and inspire.

Several events for kids and families are scheduled throughout the festival week. These include the Chickasaw Princess Pageant in Ada, the Junior Olympics at Tishomingo High School, softball tournaments in Tishomingo, a golf tournament at the new 18-hole WinStar Golf Course, cultural tours and demonstrations at the capitol grounds, the Arts and Culture Awards ceremony, Youthful Celebration with new cultural make-and-take items, the senior arts and crafts sale, the JC Riding Club rodeo, and a cultural evening at Kullihoma.

New attractions for children include a petting zoo, pony rides and train rides in Pennington Park. The park events will also feature inflatable games and the Kids' Fun To Learn tent that includes face painting, crafts and several make-and-take projects. Children's activities are available Tuesday, October 2 through Friday, October 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, October 6 from noon to 5 p.m.

A complete listing of events, locations and schedules is available in this issue of the Chickasaw Times, or online at www.chickasaw.net.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Festival office at (580) 371-2040 or 1 (800) 593-3356.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.



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College campus, Johnston County Sports complex and other venues.

New to this year's festival is a gospel singing on Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the capitol ground's west lot. Local and

Chickasaw Nation inducts four into Hall of Fame

GOLDSBY, Okla. - Pulitzer Prize finalist Linda Hogan, former BIA official Zane Browning, former tribal legislator Robert Stephens and tribal elder Pauline Carpenter-Brown were inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame Friday night at Riverwind Casino in Goldsby.

Retired astronaut and Chickasaw Hall of Fame member John Herrington served as master of ceremonies at the event.

Chickasaw Nation Gover-

nor Bill Anoatubby presented Chickasaw Hall of Fame medallions to Ms. Hogan, Mr. Browning and Ms. Brown.

Angie Stephens-Wallace, daughter of the late Mr. Stephens, accepted the medallion from Gov. Anoatubby on behalf of her father.

"It is a great privilege to represent the Chickasaw people as we

See 2007 Hall of Fame Inductees, page 36



Astronaut John Herrington, left, and Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, right, with the 2007 Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame inductees. New Hall of Fame members are, from left, Linda Hogan, Zane Browning and Pauline Carpenter Brown. At right is Angie Wallace, daughter of the late Robert Stephens. The induction ceremony was August 17 in the theater of Riverwind Casino in Goldsby.

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CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**REGULAR SESSION****David Stout Building****Ada, Oklahoma****July 20, 2007****AGENDA ITEM #1****CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairperson Scott Colbert called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2**ROLL CALL**

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz (Late arrival; 9:08 a.m.), Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: James A. Humes, Lonnie Burris, Melissa Walker, Michael L. Wingo, Wilma Watson, Michael Watson, Kerri McDonald, Linda Harris, Carol Mimfry, Robyn Elliott, Joe Simmons

AGENDA ITEM #3**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4**READING OF MINUTES - June 15, 2007**

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Alexander to waive the reading of the July 15, 2007 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to waive the reading of the June 15, 2007 minutes carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve the July 15, 2007 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the June 15, 2007 minutes carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

Mr. Woerz arrived and was present for the remainder of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 24-009, Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 6 Section 2-611 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Travel Policy)

This resolution amends Section 2-611, Paragraph 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code regarding the travel policy for employees and elected officials so that it accurately reflects the current policy. Paragraph 1 of Section 2-611 is the usual method of reimbursement and remains in place. The amendment will read: 2. If such individual chooses, he or she may submit receipts for the actual expenses involved.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve PR24- 009.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve PR24-009 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 24-048, Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget Fiscal Year 2008

The proposed Consolidated Governmental Budget for fiscal year 2008 was presented in a public hearing on June 28, 2007, at Ada, Oklahoma, in accordance with Title 2, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code. This resolution approves said Consolidated Governmental Budget as presented in that public hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR24-048.

Mrs. Alexander inquired why the amount of the budget changed from \$1,068,000 to \$1,680,000.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to amend the Tribal Budget amount back to \$1,068,000.

Mrs. Alexander noted the correct amount was \$1,680,000. Ms. Briggs and Dr. Goforth Parker withdrew their motion to amend. A roll call vote was taken on

GR24-048 as read. by Ms. Easterling.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott. David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-048 carried unanimously.

Ms. Easterling concluded her report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

No report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

No report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

Ms. Green reported in her last *Chickasaw Times* article she indicated that it would be easy to make an appointment at the Purcell Clinic, however, there are 150 patients on the waiting list. More information on this matter will be in this month's article. Ms. Green concluded her report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

No report.

(H) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Tim Colbert

PR24-008, Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 2, Article O Chickasaw Nation Code (Judgements)

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert and seconded by Ms. Green to approve PR24-008.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve PR24-008 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. Humes commented on issues he had discussed with his attorney.

Ms. Sue Simmons expressed a need for pay raises for the employees at WinStar, and a larger discount on gasoline.

Mr. Michael Watson commented on the Arkansas Riverbed property and its settlement and the Governmental Consolidated Budget.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Briggs, Secretary

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

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You will feel at home during Annual Meeting, Festival

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

Calling all Chickasaws!

It's that special time of year once again when all Chickasaws come together and celebrate our Annual Meeting and Festival. Remarkable as it may sound, this year marks the Chickasaw Nation's 47th Annual Meeting and 19th Chickasaw Festival!

As tradition dictates, the Annual Meeting and Festival will be centered in the historic capitol city of Tishomingo, Oklahoma. There will be plenty of fun and interesting activities and exhibits on the Chickasaw capitol building grounds, including cultural tours, cultural demonstrations and the Youthful Celebration; the unique and inspiring Chickasaw artists' exhibition; and the Chickasaw Nation senior arts and crafts show and sale.

Also this year on the capitol grounds, Chickasaws and friends can enjoy a gospel sing-

ing from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

The week actually kicks off on Saturday, September 29 with the Chickasaw Junior Olympics at Tishomingo High School. The kids have fun competing in track and field events, and everyone is a winner.

Also on September 29, the always popular co-ed slow pitch softball tournament gets under way and continues on through Sunday, September 30. Chickasaws love softball, so be sure and enjoy the action. You'll be sure to see lots of people you know because, it seems, almost everyone either plays or attends! The fast pitch tournament will be played this year on October 6 and 7. All softball is played at Murray State College and the Johnston County Sports Complex.

This year's annual golf tournament will be played on September 29 at the terrific new Winstar Golf Course at WinStar in Thackerville, Oklahoma. This



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

excellent 18-hole course has been rated one of the nation's best new public courses by Golf magazine, and we know plenty of Chickasaw golfers are anxious to break out their clubs.

One of my favorite annual events is the Chickasaw Princess Pageant. This year's pageant will be conducted Monday, October 1 at the Ada High School Cougar Activity Center. This wonderful event showcases the beauty, talent and cultural knowledge of many Chickasaw girls and young women, three of whom will be crowned our Chickasaw

royalty for 2007-2008. Each of these contestants is a very special young Chickasaw.

All kids will enjoy the new Kids' Fun to Learn Tent, open Tuesday, October 2 through Friday, October 5 at Pennington Park. Hundreds of school children from throughout the area will visit the tent and learn about Chickasaw artwork with hands-on instruction.

The special Chickasaw Cultural Evening is Tuesday, October 2 at Kullihoma, and the Arts and Culture Awards will be Thursday, October 4 at the Murray State ballroom.

Saturday, October 6 is a big day for all Chickasaws. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at Murray State College. The Annual Meeting program begins at 9 a.m., during which I will deliver the State of the Nation address. We will all enjoy the traditional parade through downtown Tishomingo, then share food and fellowship with the traditional Chickasaw Lunch on the Murray

State campus.

Throughout the afternoon Saturday, Chickasaws and friends in attendance will enjoy Chickasaw Dance Troupe demonstrations and lots of activities at Pennington Park. Be sure to take in the Chickasaw White House tour to Emet, Oklahoma. The original Chickasaw White House has been beautifully and accurately restored and is a site not to be missed.

If you are a regular attendee of the Annual Meeting and Festival, you are sure to enjoy this year's gathering with all its great traditions and new features.

If you have not previously attended – please join us! You will not be disappointed, and you will renew old friendships and strike up new ones.

The 47th Annual Meeting and 19th Annual Chickasaw Festival offers a great opportunity to explore your heritage. You are sure to come away with a renewed appreciation for your tribe, and for your fellow Chickasaws.

Tribe, community celebrate safety during National Night Out

ADA, Okla. - Local emergency responders were honored for their hard work and dedication by the citizens of Ada during the 24th annual National Night Out Against Crime. The annual crime and drug prevention event was celebrated Aug. 7 on the East Central University campus, and co-sponsored by ECU and the Chickasaw Nation.

About 550 people attended the event, making it one of the largest National Night Out celebrations in the state.

Jay Keel, Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family administrator, said the event would not be pos-

sible without the cooperation of ECU and the city of Ada.

During the crime-fighting event, Keel called upon all uniformed personnel in attendance to stand and be recognized for their hard work. Several Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Police, search and rescue teams, and Ada Police and firefighters were in attendance.

"These people risk their own personal safety to make our quality of life better," Keel said.

The remainder of the evening focused on hot dogs, cotton candy, and popcorn. Activities

like face painting and games were available from many area agencies, such as Chickasaw Nation Headstart and Garvin County 4-H, which had booths lining the sidewalk.

Six year-old Kervon James, of Ada, said he liked "getting stuff" while he was having a basketball painted on his cheek at the Carl Albert Dental Services booth. Kervon was referring to the give-aways, such as pencils and stick-on tattoos offered

by the various agencies. His mother, Mandy James, said she appreciated all the information on available services and family-focused programs offered at the annual event.

Ginger Young, Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Advocacy, said the event provided a fun, educational time for all families. Young was busy serving up cotton candy, a change from last year's snow cone booth.

"We are always here," she said.

The Chickasaw Nation's Division of Administrative Services made its first appearance at the event. Division employees took about 175 colorful photos of children wearing patriotic hats, and then gave the photos to the parents.

"We enjoyed it and the kids all seemed to be having a great time," division employee Pam Kanuch said.

Martial arts demonstrations, a canine demonstration of a dog capturing a criminal, and singers also entertained the crowd.

"The Chickasaw Nation is proud to be a part of this positive and fun event that creates a safer

environment for our community," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said.

NNO was introduced by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) in 1984 as a means of increasing participation in neighbor watch groups. Since its inception, the nationwide program has grown to reach 30 million people. Ada is one of more than 11,000 communities around the nation and Canada, and military bases that took part in the 2007 edition of the event.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.



Six-year-old Kervon James, Ada, waits patiently for Carl Albert Dental Clinic staff member Elaine Fennell to paint a basketball on his cheek.



Mom Regina Harjo and baby Chanel, both of Ada, pose in front of a large American flag at the event.



Rhett Jackson Gray, six months, enjoys his first National Night Out. He is the son of Amber and Ed Gray, of Ada.

Tribe leads the country in nutrition sites, food quality



Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee! The election is over and I am truly humbled by the

number of Chickasaws who helped me keep my seat on the Tribal Legislature. Thank you for your support and I pledge is to continue to assist Chickasaws everywhere in any way possible.

The Health Committee met on August 6 with Health Administrator Bill Lance. Mr. Lance reported that the Chickasaw Nation would soon receive a visit from Nancy Joiner, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He also reported that our nutrition sites are considered to be the best in the nation and we are one of the first programs to have a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables available for our Indian people. Other Indian tribes look to our nutrition and wellness programs as good examples when they design programs in

their tribal areas. Our programs are emphasizing good diet and exercise which allow many diabetics to move from receiving shots to pills.

New members of our current medical staff include Dr. Jasmine Gaddy (Internal Medicine), Dr. Daniel Molina (Family Practice Clinic), Dr. Julie Dudley (Same Day Clinic) and Dr. Ryan Shaffer (Ardmore Clinic). Welcome to all!

The hospital is slowly but surely proceeding with plans for new equipment and more doctors and nurses with the ability to serve more Native Americans than ever before. Mr. Lance also explained how our in-house training programs are affecting our health care providers in a positive way. The Health System continually upgrades

its employees and, thus, the quality of care in our Nation. It will certainly be wonderful to be able to expand the number of doctors and dentists in our new facility.

Administrator Bill Lance submits the following statistics: for the month of July, 2007, there were 253 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 16,610. July Emergency Room visits were 1,129. June saw 251 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,575 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 2,823 patients in July. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,405 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,086. The Durant Clinic saw 2,211 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,523 in

July. The Family Practice clinic visits are considerably lower this month because the report includes pharmacy visits. During July, the Family Practice Clinic pharmacy switched most of its prescription pickups to the new pharmacy refill center.

May you all enjoy the best of health possible and may God bless each of you readers and the Chickasaw Nation.

I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

New medical center will offer space, specialists



Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator

Hello Everybody,

We blinked our eyes and the summer ended! Only the weather didn't know and the 100-degree temperatures arrived in time to see the children off to school. When I go out in the mornings I love seeing them all gathered up at the corners waiting for the school bus. Some of the little ones are wearing backpacks that appear about the same size as the child wearing it. And there is an undeniable air of excitement or maybe anticipation around during this time of the year. Our programs for school children are constantly being expanded. The clothing grant begins with 3-year-old Head Start children now and goes on through college. (And no matter the age of the college student if he/she is

carrying a "full load."). If you have children in school and they are not receiving the clothing grant (\$200 through high school and then \$400 for college level) call in to get the application for it. It belongs to them!!

The election campaign period finally ended. The Legislature shortened the time that ballots are kept by the voters by about 2 ½ weeks and when it started (the campaigning period) I thought that I wished we had not done that. By the time the campaign period was over I might have voted to shorten it more! (Not really – it's just a period of a lot of work and bit of stress.) For me it ended well and I am very grateful to all who voted for me and I will try hard to represent all our people with much thought and energy.

We are a step closer to beginning the new, much needed hospital. And it will be much more than just a hospital as a large number of specialist physicians will be housed there. We have such a great need for this facility. WE have SO outgrown our present facility. The medical staff we have really does a good job given the space and number of patients for whom they must care. The new hospital will be located in a really beautiful area of rolling hills.

The Wellness Centers are a great success. Many citizens take advantage of them. Our diabetics, people suffering from arthritis and actually all of us in close enough proximity to them would benefit from using them.

The new community center at Enos had a great all-day fund-raiser there last Saturday.

Bands and entertainers from all around the area participated. So great when events like that occur and the facility is put to such good use.

And speaking of new facilities, we wait a little impatiently for the opening of the Duncan Senior Center. The rain and more rain slowed down completion and we are all ready. (Especially

our citizens in the Duncan area who have wished for, needed and waited quite a long time). We are assured the wait will not be TOO much longer. Hope that is correct.

Festival draws near so everybody begin planning to join us in Tishomingo. We hope to see you there!

Linda Briggs

Festival time is family time



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator

It is Festival time again I am really hoping to see many of you there. For me, going to the Chickasaw Festival is like a big family reunion. I see a lot of people that I know, meet many new people, and spend time just enjoying the events of the day.

The Festival has changed a lot over the years. I remember when the Legislature used to ride in the parade on a hay wagon. I always thought that it was a bit odd. Then there was the year that we each rode on a convertible, though I was concerned about sliding off the front of the car.

The Chickasaw Festival is an event that I look forward to every year. It has really special memories for me and my family. With the loss of my father in 2006, I have realized how important family is. My father went with me to many Chickasaw events and I really miss that. This year I hope Chickasaws from all over will grace Tishomingo as we make our way back to that lovely historic city that houses our historic capitol.

For those of you who have

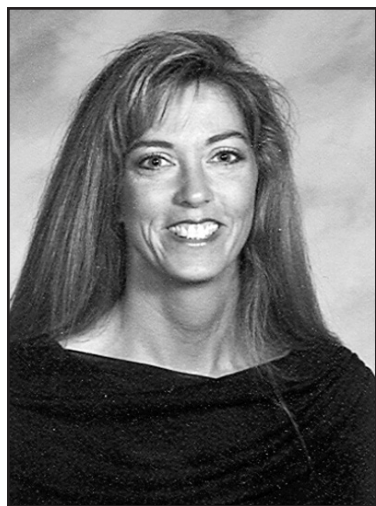
attended the Festival over the years, you will remember the tent days where the State of the Nation address was delivered under the "big tent." We have now moved indoors to Murray State College with an actual overflow tent. Technology has changed every aspect of our lives. We watch those in the overflow tent, and they watch us. Our programs are enhanced by technology, and our media department continues to outdo what was presented in previous years.

Once again, I hope to see you there. Festival time is a fun time for young and old alike. You will enjoy it, and I hope that you hunt for me.

See you in Tishomingo.

Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, RN
Chickasaw Legislator,
Pontotoc District, Seat 2

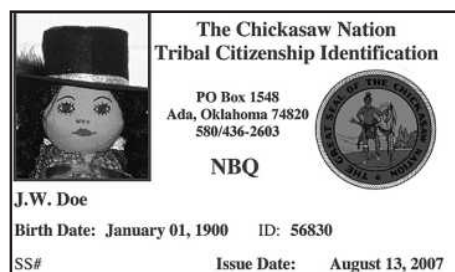
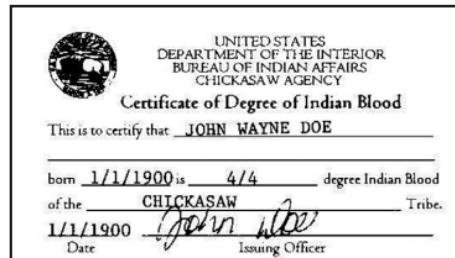
Important to submit for both CDIB, Chickasaw citizenship cards



Beth Alexander
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I hope you enjoyed last month's stories about two of our Panola District Citizens. Since then, I have heard from CSM J. Powell. He too is related to some of the ancestors mentioned in the article. It is a small world. I am still waiting to hear if you are as avid in quilting as Mrs. Lenox! A reoccurring question over the past few years, deals with the CDIB card and Citizenship card. Recently, a citizen emailed to ask about the importance and differences in the two cards. If you are reading this, then you obviously have your CDIB (Certified Degree of Indian Blood) card and most likely a Citizenship card. But, many of

you have family members trying to obtain these cards, this is very important! It can be confusing and sometimes frustrating. Both the CDIB and Citizenship applications can be found on the Chickasaw Nation website and can be submitted at the same time. A CDIB Card must be issued before a Tribal Citizenship card is obtained. It is best to submit both forms at the same time, and then the Tribal offices can continue the process. The CDIB card is issued by the Federal Government (their offices for this program are located at the Tribe). A person must be able to trace their blood lineage back to an ancestor who signed the Dawes Roll. These ancestors are referred to as original enrollees. One of the most important papers to submit is a state certified birth certificate with parent signatures on it. This seems to



be one of the most difficult parts to the whole procedure. Many States have gone to computer-generated forms and they do not always meet the criterion that is required. Before you send off for a certified state copy of a birth certificate you might want to call the CDIB Department of the Tribe and check on a particular State. For example, Texas issued birth certificates don't always have the necessary parent signatures, therefore, parents must submit a signed/notarized affidavit (this form can be downloaded from the Chickasaw Nation website also), stating that they are the parents of said child, and each parent must have their signature on it. Then send this affidavit form in with the other

two applications.

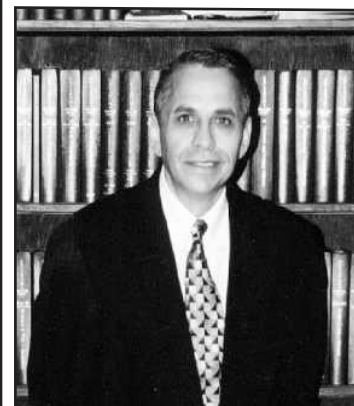
The other card in questioning is a Citizenship card. It is issued by the Nation and allows Chickasaw Citizens to participate in tribal programs. If the applicant is under the age of 12, a picture is not required to be submitted and said child is issued a Citizenship certificate in place of the picture id Citizenship card. After the age of 12, a picture is required for the Citizenship card. The entire process to obtain CDIB/Citizenship Cards takes time, therefore, it is better to start as soon as possible. The sooner the process is completed,

the sooner a Chickasaw Citizen can be experiencing some Tribal benefits. Such as, clothing grants for children, rewards for attendance, and dental care.

I hope the information provided will assist in trying to get family members enrolled. If you have any questions call the CDIB/Citizenship Department at (580) 436-7250 or (580) 283-3409.

Beth Alexander
Panola District Legislator
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Colbert hosting open house at Tish Clinic first Wednesdays



D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature chairman and Tishomingo District legislator Scott Colbert hosts an open office for legislative business at the Tishomingo Clinic between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month.

Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

As competition grows, tribe supports adult education



Wanda Blackwood Tippet Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

With our summer of 2007 quickly fading into fall, we are reminded that this is "Back To School" time.

Our Head Start, elementary, secondary and college students are now virtually all back in class. A few will not begin school until after Labor Day, but

most students across the country now begin by the third week of August.

Around the country, school days are longer and for many, the school years now has additional days. The old format of nine months of school followed by three months of summer vacation is changing. Educators are telling us that our children must have expanded instruction if they are to compete in today's world market.

Children graduating from high school today have completed more mathematics, history, English and science than ever. More concepts are now introduced in high school and, for the most part, the work is more demanding than ever. When students graduate and receive their high school degrees today, they have earned a diploma which represents more intensity of learning

and a greater understanding of important information.

In today's world, a high school degree is tougher to earn, and it is also considered the minimum a worker needs to earn a decent living.

And what of those students who, for whatever reason, did not complete high school in the traditional way? Most people who fail to complete the requirements for a high school degree are destined to work low-paying jobs that offer little hope and little personal satisfaction.

But at the Chickasaw Nation, we are working hard to help people complete their high school requirements. Our adult learning programs regularly tutors and assists adult Chickasaws as they work to earn their General Equivalency Degree (GED).

The GED is so important for people who have passed high

school age without receiving a high school degree. The GED provides the basis people need when competing for a better career, entering the military or applying for a job in government. This is an extremely important program that makes a world of difference to many Chickasaws.

During the month of June, seven Chickasaw adults received their GEDs. That is tremendous! Only seven, you say? That number represents seven very important lives which will now

benefit from greatly expanded opportunities!

Additionally, for the month of June, a total of 36 GED students had completed their studies and were prepared for testing. That is fantastic!

Support of education is a tradition at the Chickasaw Nation. We will continue to support our students, pre-school through adults. We understand education is the foundation on which personal success and satisfaction are built!

Visit Carl Albert gift shop today!

Visit the Carl Albert Hospital Volunteers gift shop. All proceeds are used to purchase items for the hospital that will benefit employees and patients.

The jewelry and crafts are made by Native Americans. Flutes, drums, Pendleton bags, blankets, beaded caps, Choctaw hymnals, CDs, and Bedre candy are a few of the items available.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Historical Society to commission Haney sculpture of Tishomingo



Dean McManus
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Human Resources Committee and a member of the Legislative and Tribal Historical and Cultural Preservation Committees. These assignments just about cover all the services the Chickasaw Nation provides to our Indian people.

The Human Resources Committee presented 4 resolutions in August, all of which were approved by the Legislature. One resolution approved the application of the Chickasaw Nation for a grant to develop a system of inventory control. The grant will be for approximately \$300,000 over a 3-year period. The other 3 resolutions were to confirm the gubernatorial appointments of Brian Campbell, Tim Colbert and John Elliott to the board of directors of RSE Enterprises, Inc., a corporation wholly owned by the Chicka-

saw Nation. The Legislature approved the 3 appointments because the appointees are all experienced and very capable and are dedicated to the welfare of the Chickasaw Nation.

I attend the monthly meetings of the Chickasaw Historical Society (CHS) as I am able and I wish to inform you that the CHS board of directors is planning to commission Enoch Kelly Haney to sculpt a statue of Chief Tishomingo for the new museum at Tishomingo City. The new museum will be named "Hayochi" which means "to look for or search for." The board of directors chose Chief Tishomingo because he was the last Chickasaw war chief and was revered and followed as the "wise one" or Hopaye during our removal. Chief Tishomingo was held in high regard by all

who knew him, not just Chickasaws. He died while on the Trail at a very old age. Please look for upcoming announcements regarding fundraisers for this project, and plan to participate.

The Cultural Resources Division is busier these days than I could have imagined! The Dance Troupe, excellent ambassadors that they are, just returned from Gallup, N.M., where they participated in the 86th Annual Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonies. It was reported that the Dance Troupe participated in 2 parades as well as dance activities each night. It was estimated that over 3,000 or more attended each session. In September, the Dance Troupe will travel to Spring Park in Tusculumbia, Ala., to participate in the Oka Kapassa (return to cold water) Native American Festival. Their calendar always

seems to be full of requests for them to participate in many activities across the U.S.

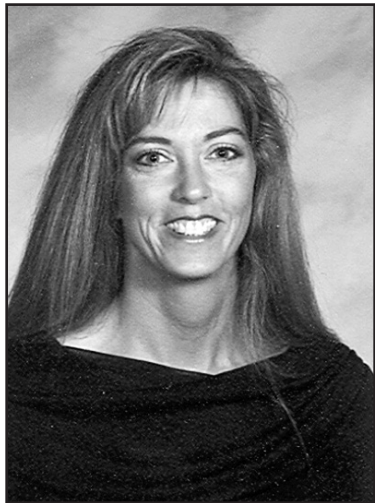
There is not enough room in this short article to report all the activities concerning the planning of this year's Chickasaw Festival. Please notice the agenda for the Festival as it is published and I hope to see you there and visit a while!

If you have questions or comments, please email me through dean.mcmanus@chickasaw.net or contact me through the address or telephone numbers listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times. Happiness is people like you!

God Bless

Dean McManus, Pontotoc District Seat 4

Thank you for your vote



Beth Alexander
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Dear Chickasaw Citizens of the Panola District, Thank you for your vote of confidence in me. I am deeply honored and touched. I consider it a blessing to serve not only the citizens of the Panola District but also those of you throughout the Chickasaw Nation. As of yet, I have not been able to visit with each of you individually but hope to rectify that with your help! Please call, write or email. I am always eager to learn more about Chickasaw Citizens. The Panola District is unique and we have the opportunity to keep in close touch due to our size. I look forward to meeting more Panola District Citizens and being available to assist you with your needs.

"The People's Voice"

Beth Alexander, Panola District Legislature

Thanks to all!



Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Thanks first to God who has blessed me in my campaign for Seat 5, Chickasaw Legislature. To my many friends and family, those who made calls and those who donated time and support, my sincere thanks and gratitude.

May we always work together to provide services to our wonderful Chickasaw family.

Mary Jo Green

Chickasaw Legislator, Seat #5

It is a privilege to serve



Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Serving the Chickasaw people is the most important job I have ever taken on. I have had the honor of serving you for several terms, and I very much appreciate the confidence you have shown in me by returning me to our tribal legislature.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of once again serving as your tribal representative!

Linda Briggs
Pickens District

Chickasaw Nation Judicial Branch Expanding Services

The Chickasaw Nation Judicial Branch is now offering court advocate services to Chickasaw citizens and Native Americans residing in the northern portion of the tribe's service area.

Each Wednesday, a court advocate will be available to meet clients at the Purcell Regional Office.

The court advocate will:

- Assist citizens with preparation of papers for Court filing.
- Provide direction on service of the papers.
- Provide information of presenting evidence to state your case before the Court.
- Assist citizens with preparation of orders or final decrees to finalize the matter.

To schedule an appointment with a court advocate, please call the Chickasaw Nation District Court at (580) 235-0279 or 1-800-479-1459.

July 2007 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 24-049

Oil and Gas Lease in Haskell County

Tribal Tract No. 753

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves the proposed Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Samson Resources Company. Samson Resources Company, Two West Second Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103, has submitted an acceptable bid of \$301.00 per acre for a total bonus of \$4,515.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$1,128.75, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations described as undivided 1/2 mineral interest in and to the N/2 NE/4 NE/4 and the SW/4 NE/4 NE/4 of Section 24, Township 7 North, Range 20 East, Haskell County, Oklahoma, containing 30.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of \$45.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$11.25 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Requested By: Bill

Anoatubby, Governor

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 24-050

Utility Easement in Love County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Utility Easement granted to Marietta Public Works Authority from the Chickasaw Nation and release of an incorrect easement granted to Marietta Public Works Authority by the former owner, Betty A. Freeman, in September 2002. The legal description on the Freeman Easement is incorrect and the pipeline lies in a different location than described. The Release of Easement and Grant of Easement are described as follows:

Release of Easement from

Marietta Public Works Authority, referred to as Freeman Easement, to the Chickasaw Nation, more particularly described as:

a 15' utility easement described as 7 1/2' either side of a line further described as follows: commencing at the NE corner of the NW/4 SW/4 Section 18, Township 7 South, Range 2 East; thence S 0° W a distance of 2564.95 ft to the point of beginning; thence N 79° 37' 18" East a distance of 331.12 ft. Said description is adjacent and North of the North right-of-way of state highway 32, Love County, Oklahoma.

Grant of Easement from the Chickasaw Nation to Marietta Public Works Authority, more particularly described as:

A strip of land in a part of the SW/4 of Section 18, Township 7 South, Range 2 East, of the INDIAN MERIDIAN, Love County, Oklahoma, with said strip of land being 20 feet wide (10 feet on each side of a centerline) with said centerline being 330 feet in length and being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Southwest Corner of said Section 18, Thence East along the South Line of said Section, 1541 feet,

Thence North perpendicular to the South Line of said Section, 140 feet to a Water Valve and the POINT OF BEGINNING, Thence S77°04'W 121 feet, Thence S79°16'W 180 feet, Thence S82°51'W 29 feet to and ending on a N-S Fence from which the Southwest Corner of said Section bears South perpendicular to the South line of said Section, 76 feet and West along the South Line of said Section, 1218 feet.

Property Location: Love County, Oklahoma

Use: Utility Easement to Marietta Public Works Authority

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 24-051

Pipeline Right-Of-Way Easement in Garvin County

Explanation: This resolution accepts the release of right-of-way and approves the replacement pipeline right-of-way, described as follows:

Release of Right-of-Way:

Located in the NE/4, Section 9, Township 1 North, Range 1 East, Indian Base Meridian, Garvin County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as: All that portion of the NE/4 of Section 9, Township 1 North, Range 1 East of Indian Base Meridian, lying East of I-35, **Less and Except** a tract of land described as beginning at the NE corner of said Section 9; thence West 320 feet; thence South 340 feet; thence East 320 feet; thence North 340 feet to the point of beginning, said tract containing 69.66 acres more or less.

Replacement Right-of-Way:

50 feet in width, being 25 feet each side of the following described centerline: A tract of land lying in the NE/4 of Section 9, Township 1 North, Range 1 East of the Indian Meridian, Garvin County, Oklahoma, and being described as follows:

See *Resolutions*, page 38

Committee Reports

Education Committee

August 6, 2007

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

Finance Committee

August 6, 2007

Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Scott Colbert

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker
August 13, 2007

Present: Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods

Absent: Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert

Health Committee

August 6, 2007

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Colbert

Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman

Human Resources Committee

August 6, 2007

Present: Katie Case, Holly

Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

Absent: Donna Hartman
Land Development Committee

August 6, 2007

Present: Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

Absent: Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods

Legislative Committee

August 6, 2007

Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods

Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee

Present: Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Colbert

Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman

2006-2007 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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'Never Give Up!' offers lively, insightful narrative

The Chickasaw Press is pleased to announce the release of "Never Give Up!: The Life of Pearl Carter Scott." This biography by Dr. Paul Lambert tells the remarkable riches-to-rags-to-riches story of Chickasaw aviatrix Pearl Carter Scott.

The book, which is slated for release at the Annual Festival in October, is \$19.95 plus shipping and handling. It will be available through the Chickasaw Outpost in Ada.

"Pearl was truly a legend in the history of Oklahoma, the world of aviation and in the

Chickasaw Nation," said Governor Bill Anoatubby. "She made a lasting impact on everyone she met and her life story is sure to have a profoundly positive impact for many generations to come."

Dr. Lambert holds degrees from Murray State College, East Central Oklahoma State University and Oklahoma State University. He served the Oklahoma Heritage Association for 32 years as executive director, president and historian in residence. He is the author of 13 books related the history of

Oklahoma and the petroleum industry, including "You Know We Belong to the Land: The Centennial History of Oklahoma" with Bob L. Blackburn.

Dr. Blackburn, executive director of the Oklahoma Historical Society, had high praise for the biography.

"Dr. Paul Lambert, a leader in Oklahoma's historical community for the past 30 years, has captured both the story and the spirit of a unique Chickasaw leader, Pearl Carter Scott," said Blackburn. "For historians, this book will shed light on how Indian people adjusted to the new world of statehood. For casual readers, the lively narrative will pull them from cover to cover."

The Chickasaw Press, directed by Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, is in its first year of production.

Dr. Lambert will be signing books at the Arts and Culture Awards Thursday, October 4 at Murray State ballroom, Tishomingo, beginning at 6 p.m.

KADA offers Rep. Cole show

Ada tribally - owned radio station KADA-FM and AM has begun airing a specially produced radio show from the office of U.S. Congressman Tom Cole.

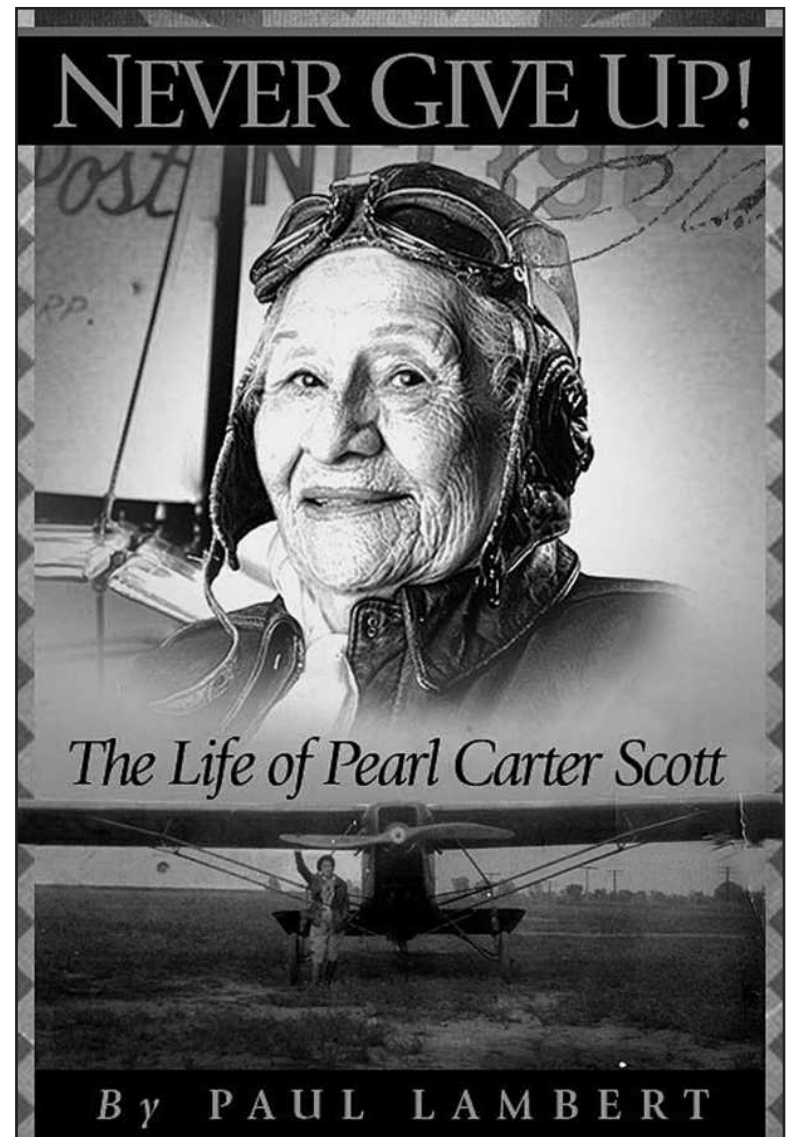
The program airs Sundays for one-half hour beginning at 10:30 a.m. on both 99.3FM and 1230AM, and features information about current issues being dealt with in Washington, community issues, and activities of the Congressman's office.

KADA general manager

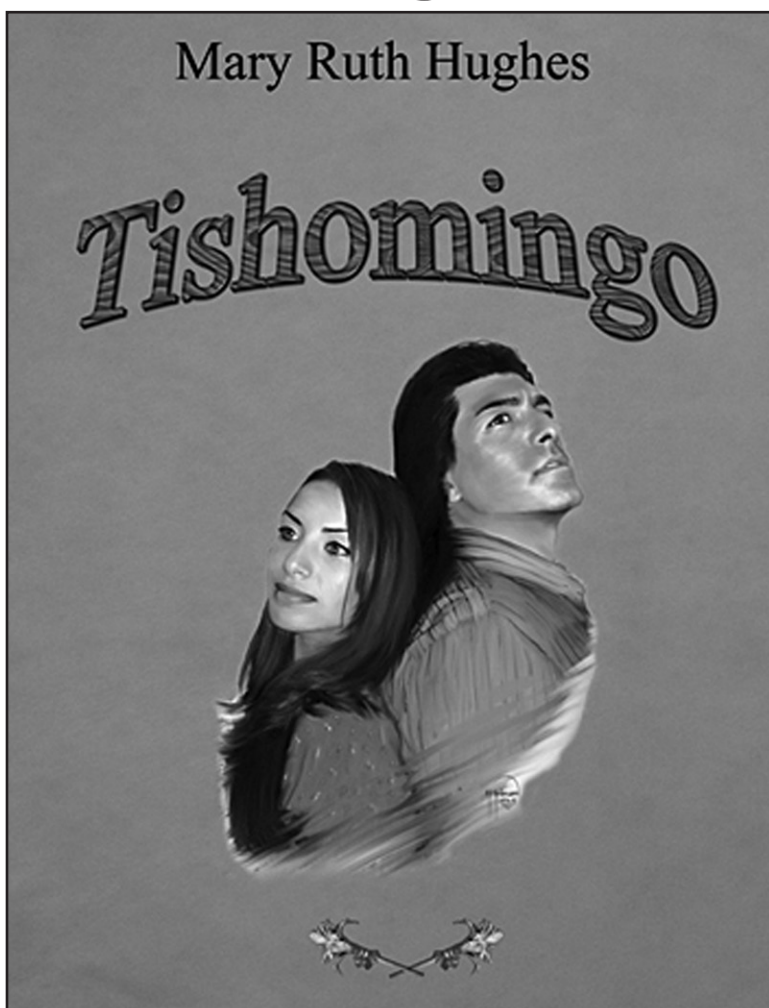
Roger Harris was informed about the program from Cole's Washington office with information stating that it was just for television.

"After hearing the show, I realized the program would be great for radio since it didn't really rely on any visuals," Harris said. "It's just great information concerning local, state and national issues."

The show is produced weekly except when Congress is in recess.



'Tishomingo' set in late 1890s Chickasaw capitol



Author Mary Ruth Hughes has successfully published her first fictional novel, which draws upon her families' south central Oklahoma Indian heritage.

Hughes, who resides in California, will be on hand at the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival to sign copies of her book, "Tishomingo." She will be on the capitol grounds in Tishomingo, on Saturday, October 6.

"Tishomingo" is set against the backdrop of Indian Territory in the late 1890s. It centers on the people of the Chickasaw Nation, their way of life, politics and assimilation before Oklahoma statehood.

The fictional story introduces a mixed-blood Chickasaw girl, and tells how her life is forever changed with the arrival of a white man to Tishomingo, Indian Territory. "'Tishomingo' is a unique story because it takes place during a period of Native American history that is all too often overlooked. It will bring back memories of eating fried

pies and smoking grapevines," said Hughes.

Hughes said she had the idea for the book for many years and she finally decided to put pen to paper and the novel was born.

Hughes, who was born in Durant and raised in Tishomingo, can trace her Chickasaw heritage to the family of Judge Ben Kemp.

In 1978, several Chickasaw citizens' graves were found unmarked in the Tishomingo Cemetery, including Judge Ben Kemp's grave. Hughes donated the granite headstone to mark his grave.

She also made and donated the stained glass windows that have now been installed in the newly-renovated Chickasaw White House at Emet, Okla.

Following her signing in Tishomingo, Hughes will host book signings at the following locations: October 9 Madill Library, Madill, Okla., from 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

October 11 Ardmore Café Alley, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m., and The

Greater Southwest Historical Museum 3-5 p.m.

October 12 Oklahoma City, Bricktown Brew Ha Ha Coffee House, 4 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

October 13 Guthrie Winans Fine Chocolates and Coffee, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

October 15 Newton, Kansas, Pages Bookstore, Signing: 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Readings: 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

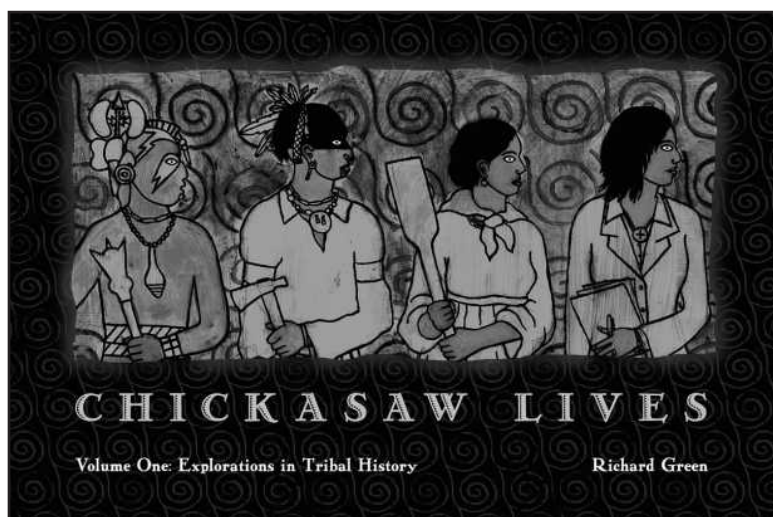
Hughes has been busy the last few months with book signings in her home state of California.

"'Tishomingo' is beginning to become a recognized word in southern California," she said.

Updates on signings and Tishomingo book reviews can be found at the website: www.TishomingoBook.com. The book can also be purchased at the Chickasaw Outpost, located in Ada, and the Chickasaw Council House and Johnston County Historical Society, both located in Tishomingo.

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

'Chickasaw Lives' analyzes key events in Chickasaw history



The Chickasaw Press is pleased to announce the release of "Chickasaw Lives: Explorations in Tribal History." "Chickasaw Lives" is a collection of articles about Chickasaw history that appeared in tribal publications from 1994 through 2004.

The book, which is slated for release at the Annual Festival in October, is \$19.95 plus shipping and handling. It will be available through the Chickasaw Outpost in Ada.

All 29 of the articles were written by Richard Green, tribal historian since 1994. They are

chronologically arranged in four sections, and most of the articles are accompanied by photographs or artwork by the late Tom Phillips and Chickasaw artist and cultural historian Joshua Hinson. Hinson also did the striking cover illustration.

Although not a comprehensive history of the tribe, it is the first book that includes content ranging from prehistory through the 20th century. All of the articles were originally researched by Green, who tried whenever possible to include a point of view from tribal members.

As Governor Bill Anoatubby wrote about the volume, "Richard's articles are based on solid research and plausible speculation to bridge sometimes large gaps in our understanding. He has given fresh perspective to old records and he has worked

hard to turn up new sources of information."

Green said he hoped readers would learn much that they never knew or had forgotten. Articles include how the Chickasaws in 1541 routed the conquistadors of Hernando de Soto and the French forces of Governor Bienville in 1736 at the Battle of Ackia.

Other articles cover:

--the tribe's removal overland and in boats from the homeland to the Choctaw Nation;

--why and how the Chickasaws built a new granite capitol building in Tishomingo at a time when tribal government was being extinguished from 1898 to Oklahoma statehood in 1907;

--how the tribal governor and attorneys saved the tribe \$15 million to \$20 million in assets in 1902;

--how the movement to revitalize tribal government began in the 1950s after it was essentially dormant throughout the first half of the century.

The book also contains a forward by Gov. Anoatubby, endnotes, a bibliography and an index. This issue of "Chickasaw Lives" is the first of two volumes. Volume Two also will be published by Chickasaw Press. It will contain Green's Chickasaw profiles and oral histories that ran previously in tribal publications.

The Chickasaw Press, directed by Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, is in its first year of production.

Richard Green will be signing books at the Arts and Culture Awards Thursday, October 4 at Murray State ballroom, Tishomingo, beginning at 6 p.m.

Tribal business net income showing growth over previous year

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and Lt. governor's offices. Expen-

diture for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending July 31, 2007

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$72.9 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were \$6.5 million and \$42.4 year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of \$84.5 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for July totaled \$60 million and \$548 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$21 million for the month and \$185 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and

tribal program operations the net income was \$78 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At July 31, 2007, the tribal government funds had \$77 million in cash and investments. Of

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Ten Months Ended July 31, 2007

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues			
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	\$ 6,839,525	548,026,731	554,866,255
Total funds available	66,145,847	(66,145,847)	0
	72,985,372	481,880,884	554,866,256
Expenditures			
General government	5,681,891		5,681,891
Legislature	1,163,055		1,163,055
Judiciary	569,170		569,170
Education	6,433,744		6,433,744
Heritage Preservation	2,330,745		2,330,745
Health	13,046,073		13,046,073
Youth and Family Services	4,117,278		4,117,278
Nutrition Programs	1,807,326		1,807,326
Regulatory	2,605,746		2,605,746
Assistance Programs	4,683,972		4,683,972
Transfer to Loan Program	-		-
Gaming expense		291,560,899	291,560,899
Other businesses' expense		112,214,359	112,214,359
Total expenditures	42,439,000	403,775,259	446,214,258
Increase in net assets	30,546,372	78,105,625	108,651,998
Beginning net assets	212,768,722	263,433,891	476,202,614
Ending net assets	\$ 243,315,095	341,539,516	584,854,611

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets July 31, 2007

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 77,118,841	137,764,217	214,883,059
Receivables	961,288	28,023,108	28,984,396
Inventory		4,776,485	4,776,485
Prepaid expenses		11,117,300	11,117,300
Other Assets		12,228,505	12,228,505
Fixed assets	165,669,488	301,384,011	467,053,499
Less payables	(434,522)	(153,754,110)	(154,188,632)
Net Assets	\$ 243,315,095	341,539,516	584,854,611

Making a difference in a child's life

Chickasaw Nation leading the country in child support services



Director of Chickasaw Nation Child Support Services, Cassandra McGilbray, and Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Administrator Jay Keel accept the Partnership Award for Professional Excellence award at the conference.

The Chickasaw Nation recently hosted the seventh annual National Tribal Child Support Association Training Conference at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. The conference began July 22 and ended July 26.

The conference theme was "Strengthening Families and Enhancing the Lives of Native American Children."

"The Chickasaw Nation is honored to provide a forum for the members of the tribal child support organization to learn and share ideas. The service these professionals provide is critical in the lives of so many young children," said Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby.

More than 200 members of the association came from all around the United States to partake in several workshops and hear keynote speakers, including Margot Bean, commissioner of the federal office of Child Support Enforcement.

Bean praised conference attendees by acknowledging the important work they are doing. The Commissioner also paid tribute to Gov. Anoatubby and the Chickasaw Nation for its innovative Child Support Services program.

Representative Lisa Billy, who is also a former Chickasaw legislator, delivered an inspiring talk during the conference about the difference one person can make in a child's life.

"Her speech was very powerful, it was wonderful," said Nancy Mathison, a NTCSA member from Seattle.

A variety of helpful work-

shops were offered during the five-day conference, such as "Indian Child Welfare: An Opportunity to Build Positive Relationships," and "Alternatives to Incarceration."

Workshops about the fundamentals of case processing and roundtable discussions were offered to tribal support programs in the start up phase.

Many of these workshops and discussions were led by Chickasaw Nation staff members, who provided insight and advice to assist these new programs and to better equip them to address the challenges they may face.

"Conference attendees expressed their appreciation for the various topics that were presented. Participants were quick to credit the presenters with a 'job well done' and expressed appreciation for sharing their knowledge," said Gwen Post oak, Chickasaw Nation Child Support Services outreach coordinator, who was on the conference planning committee.

The annual awards dinner was one of the highlights of the conference, and the Chickasaw Nation provided entertainment.

The Chickasaw Princesses opened the dinner with an interpretation of the Lord's Prayer, and the evening concluded with a demonstration by the Chickasaw Dance Troupe.

Jay Keel, Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Services administrator, welcomed the group.

"The Chickasaw Nation is honored to host this conference," said Keel, who credited Gov. Anoatubby's support of the

program as the foundation of its success. "He is a champion for child support programs in Indian country."

Association president Tracy Rattlingourd presented awards in the following categories:

Lucille Dawson Award for Professional Excellence was presented to Tiffany Hooper, manager for the Chickasaw Nation Child Support Enforcement Services. This award is bestowed upon an individual child support program worker for going "above and beyond" to promote and enhance tribal child support enforcement efforts.

Partnership Award for Professional Excellence

The Chickasaw Nation Child Support Services was honored with this award for its partnership with the association to promote tribal child support enforcement programs nationwide.

Jay Keel accepted the award.

Judges' Award for Professional Excellence was awarded to Kickapoo Judge Charles Tripp for his efforts in supporting tribal child support enforcement.

President's Award was presented to Stacey Koski, Keewenaw Bay Tribal Child Sup-



Members of the Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard led a contingent of people to retire the flags at the National Tribal Child Support Association Conference. The conference was sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation.

port Services Specialist. This award recognizes the efforts of an individual who is making an exceptional effort in child support enforcement.

Outstanding Tribe Award went to Port Gamble Sklallam Tribe for its outstanding leadership and exemplary efforts in assisting all tribes to ensure the needs of children are met.

The NTCSA was established in 2001. Its purpose is to provide a national resource for tribal efforts to serve Native American

children through child support programs. The NTCSA is a non-profit organization that partners with tribal, state and federal professions to enhance the lives of Indian children, strengthen families and protect tribal sovereignty through communication, training and public awareness.

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Tribal Communications Division recognized



The Chickasaw Nation Division of Communications recently received several prestigious awards.

The Division received three Awards of Distinction during the 13th Annual Communicator Awards program. The awards are for print projects produced in 2006.

Founded by communication

professionals 13 years ago, the Communicator Awards conducts annual competitions in audio, video, and print media.

The Awards of Distinction are presented for projects that exceed industry standards in quality and excellence.

The Division received Awards of Distinction for the following projects:

- "United We Thrive" brochure in the category of Overall Design.

- The 2006 Progress Report in the Government category.

- 2007 Chickasaw Nation calendar in the Calendar category.

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Communications is comprised of several departments, including multimedia, digital design and development, media relations, special events, and *the Chickasaw Times*.

Staff members from each department were involved in the projects.

The division received three etched crystal awards for the accomplishments.

Entries are submitted from all 50 states and numerous foreign countries. Entries are judged against a high standard of excellence rather than against each other.

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Social workers, officers encouraged to understand importance of their jobs

Dealing with poverty positively can help heal Indian families

ADA, Okla. – Social workers and police officers, like many other professionals, can get caught up in the day-to-day sameness of their work.

During a recent Chickasaw-sponsored conference, they were encouraged to look at the “big picture” presented in the cases they work each day.

The Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Advocacy recently hosted a workshop focusing on “Prevention, Protection and Preservation of Native American Families.” The conference was July 19-20 at the Pontotoc Technology Center in Ada.

More than 100 employees of the Chickasaw Nation, along with area law enforcement officers and social workers attended the event.

“We hosted the workshop to explain the department of Family Advocacy, and the wrap-

around services we offer,” said Angela Conner, director of the Department of Family Advocacy.

“If you live in the Chickasaw Nation and have a family (who needs help) and don’t know who to call, call Family Advocacy,” said Conner.

During the two-day event, participants were educated on the process of culture transformation.

“A culture can be changed if the community commits to certain values; negative values will transform a culture markedly,” Jay Keel, tribal Division of Youth and Family Services administrator, said.

Keel used the 1960s-era social movements as an example of culture transformation.

Poverty, Keel said, is often the

sole reason some cultures need to be transformed.

“If you don’t understand it, you can’t transform it,” he said.

Poverty strips its victims of their true identity and can be more than just the absence of

ture which is prone to positive change and development.”

Focus first on material needs, he said, then social needs and then spiritual needs.

“My plan is to cause you to think a little bit about what you do,” Keel said. “We get caught up in the day-to-day procedures and forget the importance of the job.”

The group of professionals was also educated on the signs of child abuse by pediatrician Dr. Deborah Lowen.

Child abuse cases deemed heinous and shocking were presented by a licensed social worker and a pediatrician from Children’s Hospital.

A presentation by Department of Family Advocacy staff members enlightened the group on the services each division

provides.

Ginger Young, supervisor of Tribe’s Chepota Himmita (Young Child) program, summed up the department’s mission by saying; “Our role is to protect the well-being and safety of children.”

The conference ended with a presentation by the Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Police Department entitled “Combating Drugs through Law Enforcement Cooperation.”

Eight LPD officers explained their efforts to thwart drug use and drug trafficking in the 13-county area of the Chickasaw Nation.

“We want to stop (drug sales) before it gets into the hands of other users,” said officer Steve Cash, LPD narcotics investigator.

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“Our role is to protect the well-being and safety of children.” Ginger Young, supervisor of Chepota Himmita “Young Child” program.

“things,” Keel said.

“Poverty is non-discriminatory,” he said. “It can be material, educational, relational, and spiritual.”

The key to overcoming poverty, Keel reminded the professionals, was to conceive, plan and implement a long-term vision of change.

Keel issued this challenge to the group: “To establish a cul-

Frequently asked questions: Youth Services clothing grant

Applications for the 2007-2008 Youth Services clothing grant program are now available through the Chickasaw Nation Department of Youth Services. Funds will not be distributed until after October 1, 2007.

Applications can be accessed on-line at www.chickasaw.net/ysclothinggrant or picked up in person at the Department of Youth Services located at 231 Seabrook Road in Ada, Okla., or at any of the Chickasaw Nation area offices. Applications can be mailed upon request by calling (580) 272-5585 or emailing clothinggrantprogram@chickasaw.net.

FAQs

How do I get a clothing grant for my child?

If your child is between the ages of three and 18 and attending school, you may complete an application for the Youth Services clothing grant and return it to the address noted on the application along with a copy of the child’s Chickasaw citizenship card. The application will be reviewed for approval and a Visa card and instructions on using the card will be sent to you by certified mail.

What if my child does not yet attend school or is home-

schooled?

Children who are home schooled must note that on the application and the parent must sign the portion documenting school enrollment. Children under age five who do not attend school may have the parent sign the application or the day-care or pre-school program the child attends can complete the portion of the application documenting school enrollment.

My child received a clothing grant last year. Does he/she automatically get another grant this school year?

An application must be completed each year in order to receive the clothing grant. The Visa card you were previously issued will not automatically be replenished. Please complete the application for the 2007-2008 academic year and return it to the address noted. You will be sent a letter informing you of when new funds have been added to the Visa card.

My child does not have a Chickasaw citizenship card but has a CDIB card. Can I send it with the application?

Each child must have enrolled as a Chickasaw citizen to be eligible for the clothing grant. If you are in need of assistance obtaining a citizenship card for your child, please contact

the citizenship office at (580) 436-2603.

I have applied for citizenship, but haven’t received it yet. Can I go ahead and apply for the clothing grant for my child?

You may submit an application for the clothing grant for your child, but it will not be considered complete until a copy of the child’s Chickasaw citizenship is received by our office. Once you receive the citizenship card/certificate in the mail, you must forward a copy to the address noted on the application. The citizenship office does not automatically forward a copy of the card/certificate to the department of youth services.

How and where do I use the Visa card?

You may use the clothing grant at any store that accepts a Visa card. It may also be used on-line where a Visa card is accepted. The transaction must be entered as a credit purchase. It will not be approved as a debit purchase. You may only purchase clothing items for your child. Purchases of accessories or specialty sports items (cleats, uniforms, gloves, helmets, etc.) are not allowable. All other purchases of non-clothing items are also not allowed. Once you have expended the funds on the Visa card, please return your receipts,

with the child’s name written on each receipt, to the Department of Youth Services.

Do I have to use the clothing grant all at once?

You may use the funds placed on the card at your convenience. However, please be aware that there is an inactivity fee charged to the card every 90 days. If you choose to wait to use the card we recommend that you routinely make small purchases, such as socks or undergarments, so that you are able to put all of the funds to good use.

Do I have to apply for the clothing grant right now?

Applications for the Youth Services clothing grant will be accepted for the 2007-2008 academic year until March 1, 2008. Applications can only be accepted from September 3, 2007 to March 1, 2008.

My child received a card last year, but we lost it. How do we get another card?

We recommend that upon receiving your Visa card you make a copy of the front and back of the card. If at any time you lose the Visa card you should contact the clothing grant office immediately by calling (580) 272-5585. If necessary to leave a voicemail, you should include the following information: the child’s name, date of birth, and

the last 6 digits of the missing card. The clothing grant office has the ability to deactivate the card making it unavailable for use, but only if the lost card is reported. Funds used from the card prior to it being reported lost or stolen cannot be refunded. If applying for another clothing grant and you do not have the card previously issued, please note that information on the application and include the last 6 digits of the missing card.

I dropped off my child’s application at his school. How will I know if you received it?

We do not routinely receive applications from schools. It is your responsibility to obtain a signature documenting school enrollment from your child’s school and submit the application to us. Please do not assume that your child’s school knows to forward any completed applications to our office.

Any additional questions can be answered by contacting the Department of Youth Services at 231 Seabrook Road in Ada. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The office can also be reached by phone at (580) 272-5585 or by e-mail at clothinggrantprogram@chickasaw.net.

Council House exhibit recognized by Museum Association



The Council House Museum exhibit "Hina lawa linoatok: We Have Walked Many Roads" recently won an award from the Oklahoma Museum Association.

An exhibit at the Chickasaw Council House Museum in Tishomingo was recently selected as a winner of an Oklahoma Museum Award.

Hina lawa linoatok: We Have Walked Many Roads was selected as a winner in the interpretive exhibit category.

The exhibit displays travels of Chickasaw people in six periods of time from the leaning pole migration legend to the air and

space travels of Pearl Carter Scott and John Herrington.

It was created as part of a grant project funded by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation Chickasaw Choctaw-Corridor project.

The exhibit contains a number of phrases in English with Chickasaw translations which were created with the help of Chickasaw speakers from various parts of the Chickasaw

Nation.

The Oklahoma Museums Association recently announced the winners of its 2007 Annual Awards Program. The awards recognize outstanding achievement by museums and individuals throughout the state during the past year.

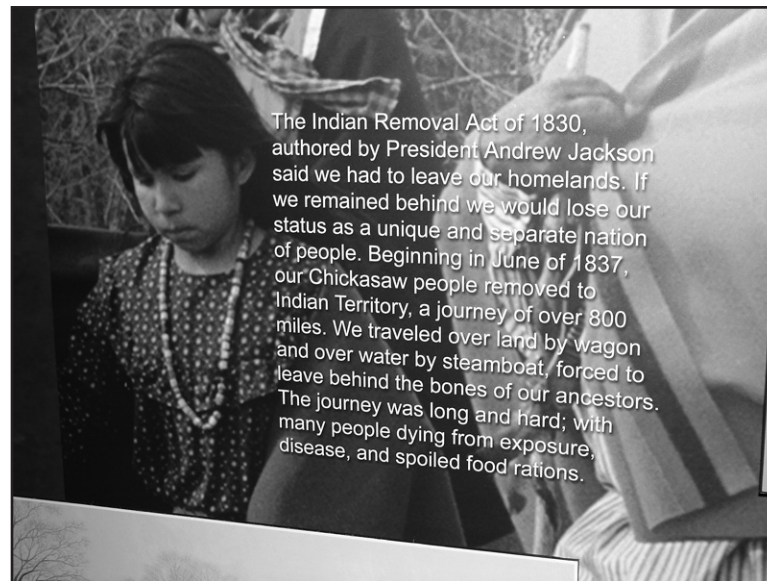
Award categories include exhibitions, promotional piece, publication, web site, newsletters, conservation projects and education programs.

Award recipients will be honored at a luncheon on September 28 at the Elk City Civic Center in Elk City, Okla. The luncheon is part of the Oklahoma Museums Association's annual statewide conference.

Tickets for the awards luncheon are \$25 and can be purchased online at <https://payments.auctionpay.com/ver3/?id=W035896> or by calling the OMA office at (405) 424-7757. The reservation deadline is September 12.

With more than 430 members, the Oklahoma Museums Association supports Oklahoma museums in their efforts to educate, inform and entertain. OMA is headquartered in Oklahoma City.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.



The Indian Removal Act of 1830, authored by President Andrew Jackson said we had to leave our homelands. If we remained behind we would lose our status as a unique and separate nation of people. Beginning in June of 1837, our Chickasaw people removed to Indian Territory, a journey of over 800 miles. We traveled over land by wagon and over water by steamboat, forced to leave behind the bones of our ancestors. The journey was long and hard; with many people dying from exposure, disease, and spoiled food rations.

Many documents returned to tribe missing since statehood

Chickasaw research materials donated



Dr. Michael Lovegrove presents research materials to Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. Dr. Lovegrove accumulated the materials while working on his dissertation about Chickasaw Governor Douglas Johnston.

Dr. Michael Lovegrove, a history professor at Rose State College, Midwest City, Okla., recently donated all the research materials he accumulated during research for his doctoral dissertation on Chickasaw Governor Douglas H. Johnston.

The dissertation is to be published soon by the Chickasaw

Press under the title "A Nation in Transition: Douglas Henry Johnston and the Chickasaws, 1898-1939."

Initially, Dr. Lovegrove had planned to write about who might be called the greatest governor in the history of the

Chickasaw Nation

"That was out after about 15 minutes, because there were so many of them, you couldn't single out any of them," he said.

"This is much more to me than an exercise in academic rigor," said Dr. Lovegrove, who plans to write a series of books on Chickasaw governors. "It's about becoming part of your family, and you becoming part of our family."

"I hope this can endure as a lifelong commitment."

Dr. Lovegrove decided to donate his research materials after he learned that many of the documents in the University of

Oklahoma's western history collection had been taken from the Chickasaw Nation at the time of statehood.

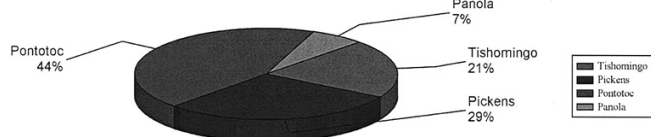
Gov. Johnston served as 22nd, 24th and 26th governor of the Chickasaw Nation. He was elected to the office in 1898, 1900 and 1904.

He was the first Chickasaw governor to be appointed by the president of the United States in 1906. He served as the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation until his death in 1939.

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Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,479	Panola	1,429
Pickens	6,282	Pontotoc	9,390
		Total	21,580



Chickasaw Nation Rep in Chickasha

A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha, Okla., September 17 to answer questions about tribal programs.

For more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, community health representatives, or other programs, visit Bettie Black at Oklahoma Workforce, 301 S. 2nd Street from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

A tribal representative will be available for questions at Oklahoma Workforce the third Monday of each month.

For more information, call (405) 527-6667.

Chickasaw weaver in touch with heritage when at the loom



Margaret Roach Wheeler

She works to debunk the misconception that all Native American Art is from the southwest.

Joplin, Missouri-area artist Margaret Roach Wheeler is very proud of her Chickasaw heritage. She specializes in weaving because it gives her a creative outlet and also allows her the opportunity to educate people all around the United States about the Chickasaws and other Native American tribes and cultures.

Wheeler discovered the art of weaving when she was 33 and working on her Master's degree at Pittsburg (Kan.) State University.

A painter for many years, she was introduced to the art form by her instructor, internationally-known jewelry artist Marjorie K. Schick.

"When I sat down (at the loom) I knew this was what I was going to do, Wheeler said.

"I was hooked...I exchanged my paints for threads."

In fact, Wheeler liked weaving so much, she quit teaching high school. She has since traveled throughout the United States and Canada to exhibit and sell her work. She also lectures on the art of weaving.

Weaving, she said, is a natural extension of her heritage.

"My grandmother, who was a Chickasaw, was always embroidering," Mrs. Wheeler said.

"Fibers were a big part of my house, growing up. My mother was a master knitter and we sewed and embroidered all types of items, including bed sheets. I was surrounded by fibers, but never weaving."

Today, Mrs. Wheeler weaves cloth that she tailors, including contemporary Native American clothing, and sells it under her own label, Mahota Handwovens. Mahota is the name of her great-great-grandmother, who was Chickasaw.

She began her weaving career by creating several pieces for the wall, but in 1980, she decided to "take my weaving off the wall and put it on the body."

The turning point came when she made a dress for an art show opening.

"When I finished and put it on, it was like a buck skin dress, it was all subconsciously done," she said. "Light bulbs

went off."

The dress, she said, was not intended to be Indian inspired.

From that dress sprang the idea to create Native American costumes, which is one of her greatest passions.

In the years following, she has created a series of mythical characters based on Hopi Indian ritual, and created an intricate piece to honor her late father, Diamond Roach, whose was a superintendent of Indian schools.

She also made three butterfly costumes in tribute to three other loves of her life: her late mother, daughter and sister, featuring capes that open to reveal the colorful hues of each person's traits.

Mrs. Wheeler, a grandmother of three, works from the Joplin home she shares with her husband Glen. The couple has been married 47 years.

She says it takes her on average one to two weeks to complete a project, depending on the detail of the piece. She weaves with a technique she developed.

Mrs. Wheeler has had work on display at the Eite Jorge Museum in Indianapolis and the Herd Museum in Phoenix. She has also had a Fellowship at the Smithsonian.

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Unique Southeastern art show, market set for Festival

You are invited to feast your eyes on remarkable artworks by Southeastern and Woodland tribal artists from across the nation during the 2007 Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM), hosted by the Chickasaw Nation. Attendees will also have the opportunity to purchase premier Southeastern art from renowned artists.

The competitive exhibit begins Thursday, October 4 and concludes Saturday, October 6 as a part of the 47th Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. This special celebration of fellowship, culture, history, dance and art brings visitors from throughout the region.

The outdoor market offers Southeastern and Woodland artists the opportunity to showcase and market their works on the beautifully restored grounds of the historic Chickasaw capitol. Organizers are especially excited this year to be able to offer a youth component to the competition.

"We're so excited to showcase works by established adult artists and our young up-and-coming artists in the youth division," said Lona Barrick, Division of Arts and Humanities administrator. "This is an outstanding

chance for art lovers to meet their favorite artists and to invest in their latest works."

Artistic works intake and judging for the competition will be conducted in the ballroom on the campus of Murray State College from 7:45 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 4. Judging will begin at 12 p.m.

Top adult competition winners will be announced Thursday evening during the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Awards Ceremony beginning at 6 p.m. in the Paul J. Park Student Center Ballroom on the campus of Murray State College. Entries will be displayed at a reception immediately following the ceremony. Artists who earn top honors in the two-dimensional and three-dimensional, cultural, jewelry, textiles, miniatures and best in show will each receive a specially designed commemorative gold medal. Artists winning first place in each category will receive a special commemorative bronze medal saluting individual accomplishment. Ribbons will be awarded to second and third place winners. All winners will receive monetary awards.

Winners of the youth component will be announced at the art market tent behind the capitol at

2:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 6, during the art market. The youth component will award ten \$100 juror awards of excellence.

Past artists include Jerry Haney, Karen Chatham, Paul Moore, Patta Lt, Bill McCulley, Joanna Underwood, Kel-

Operating, ownership loans offered

SDA loans available to Indian farmers, ranchers

ADA, Okla. - The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers specially-targeted farm loans known as Socially Disadvantaged Applicant (SDA) Loans. These loan programs are designed to help farmers purchase and operate family farms.

With these loan programs, FSA hopes to help reverse the declining number of farmers and ranchers across the United States.

For purposes of this program, socially disadvantaged groups are women, African Americans, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, and Asians and Pacific Islanders.

In fiscal year 2006, FSA obligated more than \$330 million in SDA loans across the nation.

Direct loans are made to applicants by FSA and include

both farm operating and farm ownership loans.

Guaranteed loans also may be made for farm ownership or operating purposes, and may be made by any lending institution subject to federal or state supervision (banks, savings and loans, credit unions, and units of the Farm Credit System including the Bank for Cooperatives) and guaranteed by FSA.

Repayment terms for direct operating loans depend on the collateral securing the loan and usually run from 1 to 7 years and repayment terms for direct ownership loans can be as long as 40 years.

Farm ownership loan funds may be used to purchase or enlarge a farm or ranch, purchase easements or rights of way needed in the farm's operation, build or improve buildings such

Buddy Parchcorn, Lorie Robins, Lucy Wiley, Susie "TeKati" Johnston, Natasha Wagner, Pauline Brown, Dana Tiger and Traci Davis.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

as a dwelling or barn, promote soil and water conservation and development, and pay closing costs.

Farm operating loan funds may be used to purchase livestock, poultry, farm equipment, fertilizer, and other materials necessary to operate a successful farm. Operating Loan funds can also be used for family living expenses, refinancing debts under certain conditions, paying salaries for hired farm laborers, installing or improving water systems for home, livestock, or irrigation use, and other similar improvements.

Applications for all FSA direct loan programs are made through FSA's Pontotoc County office. Call (580)332-3070 ext. 2 for eligibility, application and related program details.



Paul Allen Willis, Sr., celebrated his 90th birthday April 14, 2007 in Tustin, Calif.

Helping him celebrate were approximately 40 friends and family members including his brother, Sam Hampton, sister, Carla Hampton Macartney, grandchildren from Idaho, Utah, and San Diego, a niece from the Orange County area and children from San Diego. Two granddaughters and a grandson were unable to attend.

Mr. Willis is the eldest son of Henry and Mattie Hardwick Willis (Chickasaw) and was born April 14, 1917.

He joined the U.S. Navy at a young age and made a 20-year career of it. As a chief warrant officer, he was Admiral Nimitz's secretary and in charge of his flag office when Pearl Harbor was bombed Dec. 7, 1941.

Paul and Ardelle Dykstra Willis had four children, Paul, Jr., Pamela, Preston and Priscilla. They have 10 grandchildren, Paul Aaron, James, Susanne, Andrea, Shana, Nicolette, Shane, Nikki, Shaun and Seanna; six great-grandchildren, Aaron, Elliott, Kent, Audrey, Gwyneth and Elijah, Logan Elianna and Kiera Rose.

Mr. Willis resides in San Diego with his eldest son, Paul, Jr.

Two very important hobbies of his are reading and horses.



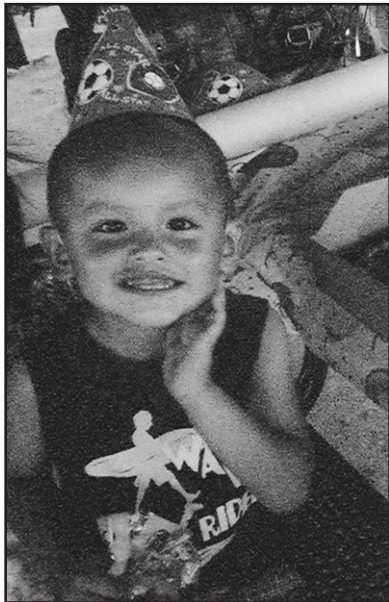
Chief Warrant Officer Paul Willis, Sr., USN, being decorated by Admiral Chester Nimitz.

Matthew Martin, Jr., celebrated his third birthday with a cookout at the park with his sister Kelsey, 6.

Matthew is Cheyenne-Arapaho and Chickasaw. He is the great-grandson of the late Tommy and Lizzie Frazier.

We love you,

Mom, Dad, Grandma Betty Martin, Lisa, Kayla, Kyle, Kristie, Bobby, Granny Jewell Shawnee, Papa Steve Pratt and family and Grandpa Mike.



Matthew Martin, Jr.

Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop

1005 Chamber Loop, Ada, OK
(580) 436-1007

SW jewelry, dream catchers, caps and lots of Chickasaw items. Shop the Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop for all your gift giving items!



Front row from left, Andrea and Paul Willis, Sr. Second row from left, Pamela, Paul, and Priscilla (three of his four children), Barbara and Carla. Third row from left, Rick, Aaron, Sam and James. Back row from left, Rick, Mark, Susanne, and Paul Aaron.

Births



Brinleigh Edwards

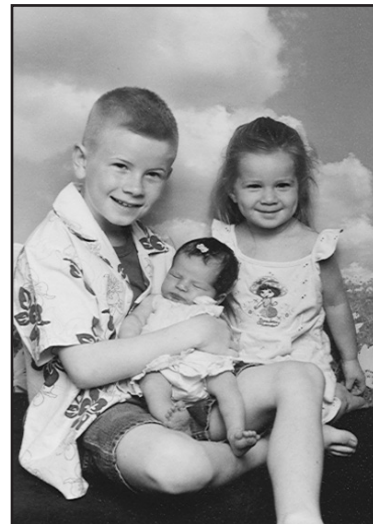
Kimberlea Shanae (Owens) Edwards and Brian Michael Edwards announce the birth of their first daughter, **Brinleigh Reese Edwards**. Brinleigh was born June 18, 2007 at Mercy Hospital, Oklahoma City, at 12:46 p.m. and weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz., and measured 20 inches.

She has an older brother, Bryce Michael Edwards, 3.

She is the great-great-granddaughter of Virgil Owens and the great-great-great-granddaughter of Bina (Underwood) Owens, both original enrollees.

Her maternal grandparents are Deborah (Debby) Owens, Moore, Okla., and the late Willard Eugene Teel. Her maternal great-grandparents are Eugene (Boots) Owens, Oklahoma City and the late Norma Joan Owens.

Her paternal grandparents are Chris and Vickie Edwards, Oklahoma City. Her paternal great-grandparents are Melba and Don Wilson of Missouri and the late William Edwards.



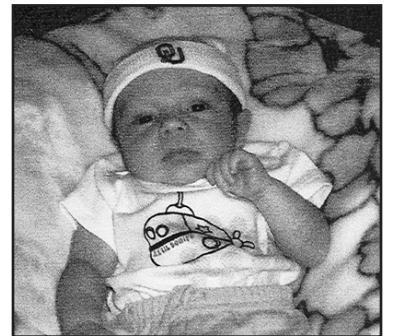
Seth, Shae and Sara Bittle

Seth and Sara Bittle are excited to welcome their newborn sister, **Shae Raylyn Bittle**. Shae was born July 2, 2007. She weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz., and measured 18.9 inches.

She is the daughter of Chris and Nicole Bittle.

She is the granddaughter of Claude and Sherry Miller, Gene Bittle and Roger and Ree Jeana Reeves, all of Ada, Okla.

She is the great-granddaughter of Claude and JoAnn Miller, Ada, Jerry and Louise Rankin, Davis, Okla., Beulah Bratcher, Ada, Ruby Bittle, Ada, and the late Theodore Bittle. Great-grandparents are William Rankin, Hennipen, Okla.



Tristan Rieves

Morgan Rieves announces the arrival of her baby brother, **Tristan Aaron Rieves**. Tristan was born March 27, 2007 at Norman (OK) Regional Hospital. He weighed 9 lbs., 6 oz.

Proud parents are Tracy and Zachary Rieves, Norman.

He is the grandson of William and Ramona (Valdene) Willis, Norman. Great-grandparents are Wanda Alexander, Ada, Okla., the late Jim Alexander, Eugene Willis, Pittsburg, Okla., and the late Gloria Willis.





Tartsah, Collins exchange wedding vows in June ceremony



Mr. and Mrs. Derek Collins

Exchanging wedding vows June 30, 2007, at Union Hill Baptist Church, Ada, Okla., were Rachael Kay Tartsah and Derek Lee Collins, both of Ada. Officiating the 2 p.m. ceremony was the Rev. Ken Huneycutt.

Parents of the bride are Bill and Vicky Gold, Ada, and Buddy Tartsah, Ada. Grandparents are the late Gladys Allen Greenwood, the late Lewis Sweet, the late Howard and Lorena Baker and the late Elvira and Alfred Tartsah.

The bridegroom is the son of Eddie and Tammy Collins, Ada. Grandparents are Laverne Collins, Ada, and the late Herman Collins; and Kenneth and Royce Battles, Antlers, Okla.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Buddy Tartsah.

Matron of honor was Melissa A. Morgan, sister of the bride, Roff, Okla. Maid of honor was Kristi Jones, Ada. Bridesmaid was Cheryl Ward, Moore, Okla.

Best man was Chad Collins, brother of the bridegroom, Ada. Groomsmen were Danny Collins, cousin of the bridegroom, and Jake Collins, brother of the bridegroom, both of Ada.

Ushers were Marcus Tartsah, brother of the bride, Ada, and Scott Morgan, brother-in-law of the bride, Roff.

Garrett Morgan, Roff, and Ben Gold, Coalgate, Okla.,

both nephews of the bride, were ring bearers. Candence Collins, cousin of the bridegroom, was flower girl.

Tammi Collins, cousin of the bridegroom, served as wedding coordinator.

Tara and Taylor MacCollister, cousins of the bride, Ada, served as guest registers. Christian and Trenton Ellis, cousins of the bride, were candle lighters.

Assisting at a reception at Union Hill Baptist Church were Shonda Raiburn, Tara and Taylor MacCollister, Sherri Ellis, Christian and Trenton Ellis, all cousins of the bride, all of Ada.

The couple is at home in Olive, Okla., after a wedding trip to Durant, Okla.

Huffman, Renfro wed in Austin



Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Renfro

Haddock, Cristy McClain, sister of the groom, and Tina Romero served as bridesmaids.

Serving as the best man was the groom's brother, Benjamin Renfro; groomsmen were Trenton Cox, Chad Farris, Nicholas Freeman, Ronnie Johnson, Brett Lucas, brother of the bride, Brandon Parnell, Eric Perucca, Yarex Thomas and Chad Ward.

The niece of the groom, Alejandra Etay-Enah Renfro, was the flower girl. Kaleb Anthony-Don Renfro, nephew of the groom, was the bearer of the satin ring pillow.

The bride is the daughter of Ellis and Diane Huffman, of Austin, and granddaughter of June Huffman, Fort Worth, Texas. Laura Renfro is a graduate of Austin High School and the University of Texas where she received a bachelor of science degree in Communication. Laura is currently the marketing account manager with Hospitality Financial Technology Professionals in Austin.

The groom is the son of Gary and Janice Renfro, of Holly Lake Ranch, Texas, and grandson of Lorene Renfro, Duncan, Okla. Aaron Renfro is a graduate of Midland (TX) High School. He is the building supervisor with Centex Homes in Austin.

The couple enjoyed a honeymoon trip to the Sandals Resort in the Bahamas and reside in Austin.

Lighthorse Chief appointed to CLEET



LPD Chief Jason O'Neal

Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry recently appointed Chickasaw Lighthorse Chief of Police Jason O'Neal to the Oklahoma Council on Law Enforcement and Training (CLEET).

This is a newly created position on the council.

Customer Service Survey Winner!

Congratulations to Susan Lewis of Salinas, Calif., for winning the drawing of \$100. Thank you to all who completed our Customer Service Survey through the internet and remember we will be having our next drawing soon. Hope to hear from each and every one of you.

To enter go to www.chickasaw.net.

net <<http://www.chickasaw.net>> and click on the link like the picture below and complete the survey. Good Luck!



Laura Kay Pulliam Huffman and Aaron Brandon Renfro and were united in marriage on Saturday, July 14, 2007 at half past six in the evening at Creekside Pavilion in the Austin Hill Country, Austin, Texas. Colonel Kim Huffman, the bride's uncle, officiated the double-ring ceremony. Vocal solo was provided by Mike Rouse, friend of the groom.

Following the ceremony, the couple was honored with a reception, dinner and dance. The rehearsal dinner on the eve of

the wedding and was hosted by Gary and Janice Renfro, groom's parents, at the Nutty Brown Cafe in Dripping Springs, Texas.

Escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore an ivory silk A-line gown with Chapel train, accentuated all over with hand-beaded pearls and corded lace. Members of wedding party included, Laura Badillo and Amber Moore serving as Maids of Honor; Lindsay Burson, Mindy Byron, Jamie Cox, Kaydi Damers, Timberli Eddie, Tracie

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Renee Reirdon Sweedon



Renee Reirdon Sweeden is a 2007 Honorable Chickasaw graduate of East Central University, Ada, Okla. She is married to David Sweeden. She has three children, Stephen Palmer and Maegan Honsinger, both of Konawa, Okla., and Denver Palmer, Ada. She is the daughter of Vicki Rabalais, Konawa, and Chickasaw citizen Dorsey Jack Reirdon, Kerrville, Texas. She is the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Claudie Ella Lewis Reirdon and the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Judge Isaac Overton Lewis.

She graduated with a bachelor's degree in social work and is currently enrolled in graduate school at the University of Oklahoma pursuing her master's degree in social work with a concentration in gerontology.

She is very appreciative of all the encouragement and support given to her by the Chickasaw Nation and the education staff and thanks them very much!

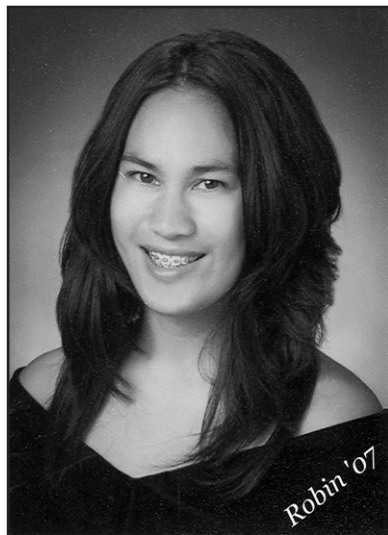
Robin Kehaulani Lewis

Robin Kehaulani Lewis is a 2007 graduate of Monte Vista Christian School, Watsonville, Calif. She is the daughter of Loren and Killy Lewis. She is the granddaughter of Lucy Donios, Joyce A. Lewis and Cubby E. Lewis.

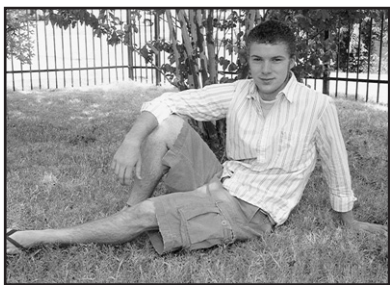
Robin attended Monte Vista Christian School since the sixth grade. She was a member of the varsity swim team for four years.

She plans to attend community college.

We are very proud of her success.



Tyler Gurry



Tyler Gurry is a 2007 graduate of Stonewall High School, Stonewall, Okla. He is the son of Pauline and Howard Sliger. He is the grandson of Paul Loftin and Phyllis Benton.

Tyler was an active member in Citizens for Tomorrow, baseball for three years and the youth group at Union Valley Baptist Church. He enjoys playing the guitar.

Carrie Hedinger

Carrie Hedinger is a recent graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. She received her master's of science degree in social work with a clinical concentration. She graduated in 2003 from Oklahoma State University with a bachelor of science degree in psychology.

She was a Child Welfare Education Collaboration Scholar and a Dean's Ambassador. She is a member of the Holitoplici Honors Program and is currently working for Travis County Child Protective Services in the Conservatorship Unit, which works to reunite families once children are removed from the home.

Ms. Hedinger and her family wish to thank the Chickasaw Nation for its commitment to education and all the support they provided to help her reach her dreams.



Dr. Keith Ray West



Dr. Keith Ray West recently graduated from Texas Tech University with a Ph.D degree in Fine Arts (Theatre). His areas of concentration are play writing and arts administration.

The Fine Arts doctorate program at Texas Tech combines studies in art, music, theatre, and aesthetic philosophy. Dr. West is currently an assistant professor of Communication & Theatre at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas, where he has served on the faculty since 1990. In 1994, he was recognized with that

institution's Outstanding Teaching Award.

Dr. West's dissertation is titled "Theatre of the Mind, Live on Stage: Radio Theatre Production for Theatre Practitioners." The work was created to train stage theatre personnel interested in producing radio theatre plays.

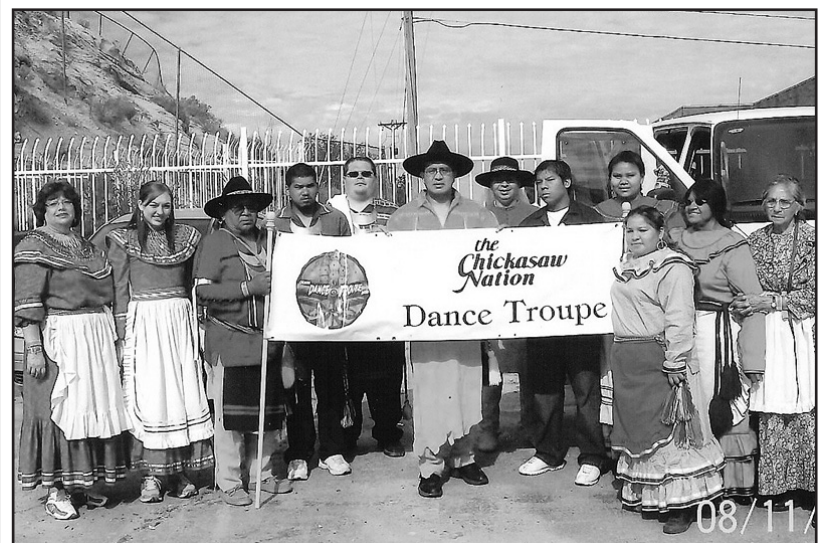
Dr. West is the founder and director of the Sul Ross Radio Theatre Project. One of his original radio plays, "Echoes of Radioland," was performed by the Texas Tech Radio Theatre Players in 2001, also founded by Dr. West.

In addition to directing, designing, and writing radio theatre, he has provided the voices of various characters in radio and television projects throughout the United States.

Dr. West is the great - grandson of Carrie Marie Brown Bowman, an original enrollee.

"I am very proud of my Chickasaw roots," Dr. West said. "Through my career, I hope to be an active contributor to our tradition of pride and accomplishment exhibited by so many Chickasaw through the years."

Dance Troupe in New Mexico



Eddie Postoak, director of the tribal Cultural Resources Department, Roman Kilcrease, Dance Troupe coordinator, along with 11 Dance Troupe members preformed in the 86th Ceremonial Inter-tribal Gathering in Gallup, N.M. Pictured from left are, Monette "Lynie" Richardson, Tamara Shackleford, Lee Frazier, Jason Carpenter, Jamie Lewis, Eddie Postoak, Roman Kilcrease, Vincent Baptiste, Erica Daniels, Deanna Taylor, Joanna Maccollister, and Wisey Narcomey.



Students back in class for the first day of Head Start



Head Start students, from left, Jaki Rollins, Cole Higdon, Dillon Palmer, Rhyllind Straub and Madison Crispin.

August 20 marked the first day of school for Chickasaw Nation Head Start. Teachers were smiling big as they anticipated the arrival of the students.

"I am always excited for the first day of school," said teacher Brenda Stephens.

As drop off time arrived, the building quickly filled with camera flashes and lively voices saying "smile" as parents captured the memory of the big day.

Before 8 a.m. the classrooms were packed with students meeting the teacher, finding their



Jada and Jennifer Standridge.

cubby holes and spots at the tables.

"I look forward to seeing my returning students and meeting the new ones," said teacher Bert Lynch as parents and students continued to arrive.

For those returning students it was routine once again as they slipped off the backpacks, tucked them away into the cubby

holes and headed straight to the toys. The new students took a few extra moments to become comfortable, but once settled, parents said their goodbyes.

Although it was tough for a few students, it was not long until smiles were everywhere as they became acquainted with their new classmates.



Amy, Evan and Brandon Prince.

Chickasaw to run Marine Corps Marathon as a St. Jude Hero



Jennifer Barnes at the St. Jude Heroes Pre-Race Pasta Party.

On October 28 this year, Chickasaw citizen Jennifer Barnes will lace up her running shoes and hit the streets of Washington, D.C., in an effort to run 26.2 miles in one of America's favorite races: the United States Marine Corps Marathon.

Running a marathon is a grand feat, in and of itself, but Ms. Barnes seeks to do more than finish the race. She is also raising money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Last year, she ran a half-marathon in Memphis, Tenn., as a St. Jude hero, and raised more than \$3,280. Jason Kerns, her boyfriend at the time, was running the race with her and surprised her with a proposal at the starting line. The couple is to be wed in early October and were registered to run the Marine Corps Marathon together on their honeymoon. However, Kerns, a serviceman in the National Guard, is now scheduled to leave their

home in Ada, Okla., on October 19 for pre-deployment training in Fort Bliss, Texas and Ms. Barnes will now be running the race alone in October.

Ms. Barnes has raised more than \$1,000 and has plans for more fundraisers in the months of September and October, but she is still far from her \$7,500 goal. All donations are tax deductible and go directly toward the operating costs of St. Jude.

Donations may be mailed to Jennifer Barnes, 915 W. 22nd Street, Ada, OK 74820 or online through her fundraising website. To access the website, go to <http://www.stjudeheroes.org>, click on "Sponsor a Hero," enter Jennifer Barnes into the box under "Search for Individual/Team," then click on the second entry, next to the Marine Corps Marathon. This will take you to Ms. Barnes' secure fundraising webpage. Once you are there, simply click "Make a Gift" under the thermometer.

Ms. Barnes is a Chickasaw Nation Division of Justice staff attorney.

Chickasaw photographer opens 'Constant Pressure' show in Dallas



Candice Chase at the H.Paxton Moore Gallery, Dallas. Photo contributed by Christopher Wasson.

For the past seven years, photographer Candice Chase has been working on a series of images featuring the struggles and intensity of young boxers at a gym in Dallas, Texas.

"Constant Pressure," 30 photographs, the culmination of her effort, were unveiled at the H.Paxton Moore Fine Art Gallery at El Centro College in downtown Dallas on July 20. The exhibit opened to a standing room only crowd.

Ms. Chase's exhibit captures the determination and pressures the young fighters feel as they train and step into the ring. As Ms. Chase stated, regardless of our backgrounds and cultures,

it is our minds, bodies and spirits that work in harmony to overcome the pressures we face in life.

The exhibit ran through August 11.

Ms. Chase grew up in the Park Cities area and began shooting pictures with a Brownie camera at the age of seven. She had been a professional photographer for the past 20 years.

She and husband, Mark Thomas, reside in Dallas. Ms. Chase is the daughter of Dustin Chase, granddaughter of Walter J. Chase, great-granddaughter of original enrollees Abel D. Chase and Willie Malissa Johnson, and niece of Sandra Chase Wasson.

Opening of English museum, gallery features Chickasaw, Native dancers



Christy Christoffersen

Chickasaw Christy Christoffersen, great-granddaughter of original enrollee William Nathan Ragland, recently helped open Hastings Museum and Art Gallery, in Sussex, England when museum doors were reopened following an extensive refurbishment. The ceremony was July 28.

Native American dancers, including Christoffersen, performed at the ceremony to

celebrate the unveiling of a exhibition on Grey Owl, Archibald Belaney, who was originally from Hastings.

Grey Owl was an Englishman who traveled to America and told people he was a Native American. He was discredited after his death but is now being remembered for his conservation efforts.

Christoffersen helped open the museum, then she and the small group blessed the stage, and performed traditional Intertribal dancing. She gave a speech in which she told what life was like as a Chickasaw Oklahoma.

"Since I came to England I have discovered that the English people are very interested in Native American culture," she said in her speech. "They are very respectful about it and they are eager to learn. I am asked many different questions which

I am happy to answer. I love to tell them my family stories and to tell them about the different peoples and how things are back in Oklahoma and what happens at pow wows and stomp dances. I tell them that even though we are different tribes, we are like a big family, we love each other, and we still have normal family problems but we know that we need to stick together."

After the show, Christoffersen remarked "I forgot for a minute I was even in regalia and it puzzled me why all these people wanted to take my picture. Everyone was so warm and friendly though and so curious about our culture. I only hope that I can serve as a worthy ambassador."

If there are other Chickasaws living in the UK and wish to get in touch with Christy, her email address is cchristo@blueyonder.co.uk.

'Indians' win t-ball title



Front row from left, Bryce Holland, Jarrius Smith, TaDyn Walker, Isiah Little, Camren Estep. Top row from left, Chad Milne, Justice Osborne-Whitworth, Chace Imotichey, Elijah Gibson, Randis Gray. Back row from left, coach Shane Holland and coach Gary Walker.

The Major t-ball team "The Indians" won the Homer (OK) Major T-Ball Mid-Season Tournament this summer.

The team lost one game and had to come through the losers' bracket in order to take the title. The boys endured back-to-back games in the hot, hot sun. However, with teamwork and

determination, they came out Tournament Champions.

The boys, ages 5 – 7, worked hard and sacrificed many evenings for practice.

Many thanks go out to all the parents and fans for their support. The entire team consists of Chickasaw tribal members.

Underwood-Owens reunion



Bill Frazier and Johnny "Buck" Owens present the colors at the Underwood-Owens family reunion.

The Underwood-Owens Family Reunion was August 18, 2007 in Ada at the Chickasaw Community Center Gym.

Bill Frazier and Johnny

"Buck" Owens (family member), members of the Chickasaw Honor Guard, brought in the colors before The Reunion.

Approximately 100 family members, descendants of Ga-

브리엘 Underwood, attended the reunion this year. The Underwood-Owens Reunion is always held the third Saturday in August.

Silent auction at Enos



Guests look over silent auction items at the Chickasaw Community Center in Enos. The silent auction was part of a fund raising event August 18 which included music, and an Indian taco sale.

Girls' hoop team does well in Oklahoma tournaments



Front row, Savannah Burwell, left, and Rachel Franks. Back row from left, Annica Billey, Dakota Ingram, Kendall George, Britney Skipworth, Savannah Spain and Jaylen Gover. Not pictured: Melinda Schico.

An 8th-grade girls basketball team from southern Oklahoma won the Mid-American Youth Basketball Association-sponsored 2007 Edmond Basketball Bananza in Edmond, Okla., July 22. The team also placed third in the 10-team MAYB tournament in Del City, Okla., on July 15.

Denise Franks of Holdenville, Okla., is the coach and has done an excellent job of improving the skill level of all her players through practice and tourna-

ment competition throughout the summer. All the girls, except one, are Native American.

Annica Billey, Dakota Ingram, Savannah Burwell, and Melinda Schico are members of the Chickasaw Nation.

Coach Frank is to be commended for providing the opportunity for these young athletes to hone their skills in preparation for the upcoming school basketball season.

Barracudas complete season with 55-7 record



Team members include, front row from left, Cal Howard, Kyler Reed, Cayman Watkins, Ethan Jackson and Cody Mills. Middle row from left, Dakota Jesse, Tanner Wood, Will Cotner, Cale Francis and Jayson Ellis. Back row from left, coaches Chris Watkins, J. D. Jackson, Larry Jesse, Scott Mills and Charles Francis.

This summer, several young Chickasaw baseballers raked up the hardware, including 10 tournament titles and an Oklahoma State 8-and-under Tournament Championship.

The Byng (OK) Barracudas, coached by Chris Watkins and assisted by J.D. Jackson, Larry Jesse, Scott Mills and Charles

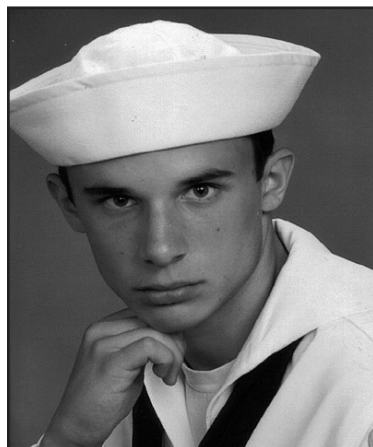
Francis, ended the stellar season with an amazing 55-7 record.

The sluggers went undefeated through the first-ever 8-and-under state tournament with four Region 6 wins and a 9-4 win over Dale and a 12-2 win over Vian in the quarter-and semi-final games. The team closed out the tournament with back-

to-back 13-6 and 12-7 victories over Heavener.

Team members included Cal Howard, Kyler Reed, Cayman Watkins, Ethan "E-Rod" Jackson, Cody Mills, Dakota Jesse, Tanner Wood, Will Cotner, Cale "Rita" Francis and Jayson Ellis.

Chickasaw student following aviation path



Shon Dempsey

A Chickasaw student is doing well in academics and sports, and has future plans to become a naval aviator.

Shon Landyn Dempsey was selected and eighth-grade "student of the month" during the 2007 school year at Chafin Junior High School, Fort Smith, Arkansas. He was a member of the football team, where he played both offense and defense, and the track team where he ran the 440-yard dash and participated in pole vault.

He has been nominated a mentor during his ninth-grade year.

He spends time working with his mother at Church On The Street (COTS), a ministry of Evangel Temple Assembly of God Church of Fort Smith. The ministry helps feed the homeless and underemployed. Shon is also president of his Sunday School class.

Shon has a major interest in aviation and aircraft. He has studied airplanes, their mechanics and structure, and he would like to become a Navy pilot.

He is a member of the Civil Air Patrol of Fort Smith. He has also begun attending the U.S.

Navy Sea Cadet Corps Camp Robinson in Little Rock, Ark.

Shon is the son of James and Charlene Dempsey, of Fort Smith. He is the grandson of Robert and Alycia Dempsey, of Purcell, Okla., and the late Charles Banks and Helen Banks, of Nevada, Iowa.

His siblings are Branum and Brittany Dempsey, of Stratford, Okla., Sarah Ramirez, of Kremmling, Colo., and Chief Petty Officer Seth Voyce, USN, and his wife Petty Officer First Class Kitty Voyce, of Bremerton, Wash.

Chickasaw first at jiu jitsu tourney



Kevin Lewis

Congratulations Kevin Lewis, Chickasaw Native.

He won first place at the Star Jiujiutsu Championship, blue belt 180-189 lb. weight class. He received a new Gi for placing first. He trains at Caveman Gym in Davis, Okla. He has been training jiujiutsu for two years.

Way to go Kevin!!

Chickasaw Stompdance.

By Judy L. Thomas

Crickets chirp and whippoorwills call,
And on the warm wind blows,
Full moon watching, bats in endless flight
And on the river flows.
Minco calls another song,
Nature whispers in the trees,
Heartbeats catch rhythms drum
Like smoke upon the breeze.
Hear them calling in your soul
The ancient's melodic prayer,
Feel the beat within the body
At home as a beast's lair.
Come all brave and strong
Old and young to chance,
Celebrate in your soul
The sacred Chickasaw Stompdance.

Young Chickasaw golfers 'getting in the swing' of the sport

The Chickasaw Nation Junior Golf Program was recently honored by Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) of America for implementation of the "Growth of the Game" grant.

"This award confirms our belief that our partnership with the PGA is really making a difference in the lives of young people," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "We look forward to continuing this partnership for years to come as we teach the many great life lessons golf has to offer."

The PGA of America has been affiliated with the tribe for the past seven years, providing equipment and instructors for golf camp. More than 100 Chickasaw students are introduced each summer to a game they can play the rest of their lives.

Lessons are also taught after school at Boys and Girls Clubs across the Chickasaw Nation.

The Growth of the Game grant from The PGA of America is presented annually to charitable organizations across the country that exhibit excellence in giving back to the community. Since 2000, the PGA Community Relations Program has benefited 784 charities.

The award presentation came

Aug. 6 during the PGA of America's Community Relations Youth Clinic and "Play Golf America Day" at LaFortune Park Golf Course in Tulsa.

PGA of America President Brian Whitcomb presented the award to Chickasaw Nation Youth Specialist Chris Alford and Toni Pace, Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club program director.

"The grant provides and augments the current programs our tribe offers," said Pace. "The support The PGA of America has shown will go a long way in impacting the lives of children in Ada."

Alford said the golf program enhances the division's mission of enhancing the lives of Chickasaw families.

"Golf is a family-oriented sport that spans the generations," he said. "It is a great sport to strengthen family bonds."

The Chickasaw Nation youth had a good showing at the event, with 13 junior boy and girl golfers traveling from the Ada area to Tulsa for the day.

The 13 Chickasaw children was part of a group of more than 250 junior boys and girls from around the state, representing 16 organizations.

The group spent the morning

watching nationally-renowned trick shot artist Dennis Walters. Walters, who is paralyzed from the waist down as the result of a car crash 32 years ago, stunned the crowd with his ability to hit the ball with many different clubs.

His demonstration was interlaced with the positive message of never giving up on dreams and goals, and he stressed the importance of golf-related skills such as patience and perseverance.

The Chickasaw youth group also received expert instruction from two of the 38 South Central PGA Section Golf Professionals during the morning. During the clinics, pros Mark Fuller, Edmond and Bob Fansher, Oklahoma City, gave helpful tips to students on chipping, driving, putting and using irons.

The afternoon was spent at a practice round of the 89th PGA Championship at Southern Hills Golf Course.

"I always wanted to be here," said 12-year-old Reid Wall, a Byng sixth grader, when asked about his day at the PGA event. "The clinic was awesome, well organized, and had great teachers," he said.

Reid said the highlight of his day was seeing PGA golfer Stewart Applebee.



PGA of America President Brian Whitcomb, right, presents the PGA of America "Growth of the Game" award to Toni Pace, Chickasaw Nation Boys and Girls Club program director, center, and Chickasaw Nation Youth Specialist Chris Alford.

"It helped my understanding of the game," said one member of the group.

"It was the best day of my life," said Karsyn Johnson, an eight-year-old Byng second

grader. "I got an autograph on my hat and I made new friends. I had a good time."

Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.



Karsyn Johnson, an eight-year-old Byng, Okla., second grader, takes a swing during the the PGA of America's "Play Golf America" Day. During Play Golf America Day, PGA professionals offered free golf clinics to golfers of all ages.



This group of Chickasaw youth participated in the PGA of America's "Play Golf America" Day, conducted at Tulsa's LaFortune Golf Park Aug. 6.



Kids learn traditions, language at Chikasha Sayah



Chickasaw youth ages eight to 12 participated in the Chikasha Sayah (I am Chickasaw) Camp where they learned about their own history, culture and traditions.

Students ages eight to 12 had an exciting opportunity to learn more about their Chickasaw heritage and culture at Chikasha Sayah (I am Chickasaw) Camp in August.

At Camp WOW camp grounds in Gerty, Okla., students learned much about Chickasaw traditions and history with hands-on craft projects and activities.

"Chikasha Sayah Camp is a great, fun way for our youth to learn from their elders," Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "Teaching our children our language and history and traditions is key to keeping our Chickasaw culture alive for generations to come."

Campers spent day one of the three-day camp working with their hands on several take-home items including beaded

headdresses, miniature stickball sticks, warrior masks and leaning poles.

Day two was spent in the great outdoors staying active and participating in stickball, archery, squirrel stick games and marbles.

Each evening the campers ended the day with a stomp dance, using what they were taught about the tradition and history behind stomp dance songs, shell shaking and dances.

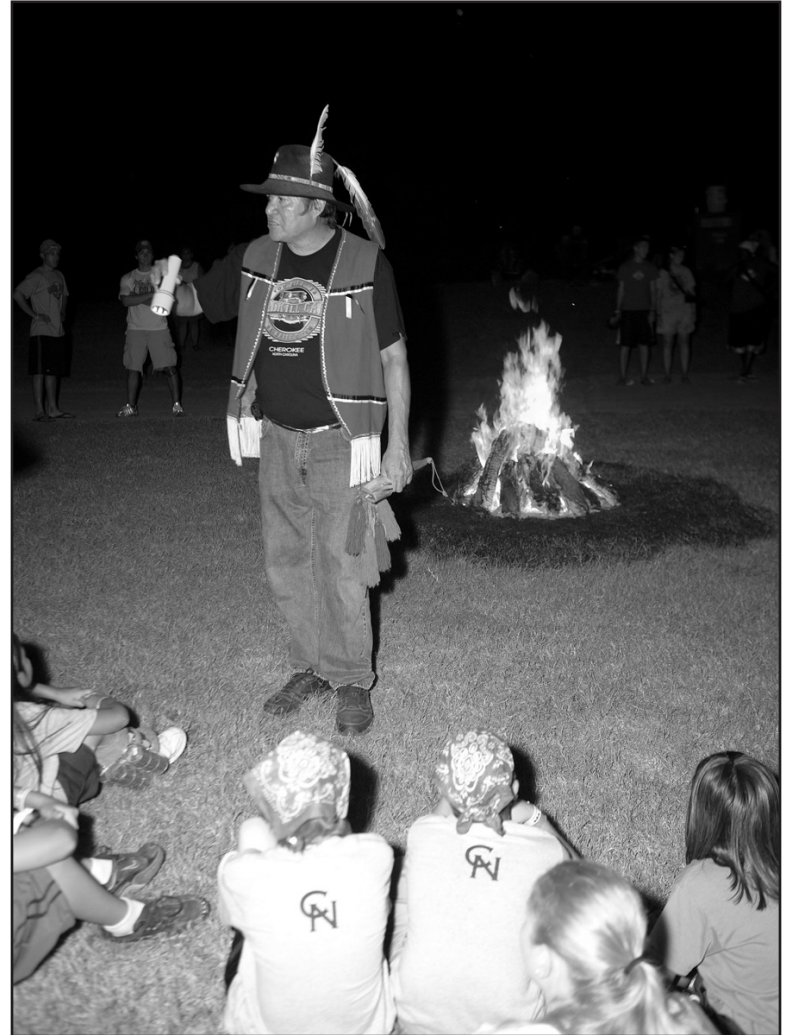
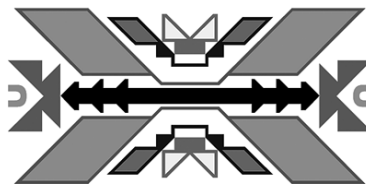
Students were also given lessons on language, storytelling, bow making, hide tanning and preparation for traditional food items like fry bread and pashofa.

During free time, campers were also able to take part in activities at the camp grounds like basketball, volleyball, swim-

ming, zip line and games.

Many students from across the state took part in this fun and learning camp experience and gain valuable lessons on their own history and culture.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.



Traditionalist Farron Cully shares the history and culture of stomp dancing with the campers at Chikasha Sayah Camp.



During free time, Chikasha Sayah campers were able to enjoy the waterfront activities at Camp W.O.W. camp grounds.

Inland Empire community council established



From left, Sharon Nelson, Lynn Dorrrough and Regina Berna.

The CCCIEDC (Chickasaw Community Council of the Inland Empire Desert Cities) was organized in September 12, 2006, in Banning, California in the conference room of the San Geronimo Memorial Hospital. Except for two meetings since its inception all meetings have been conducted at this confer-

ence room.

The formation of this California council was the brainstorm of its current chairperson, Lynn Dorrrough. She came up with the concept of forming a California council for the Chickasaws after attending a Listening Conference in Oklahoma City. The CCCIEDC council would be

organized to help the Chickasaw members living within the Inland Empire and inform them of the new upcoming services at-large program which was going into effect on January 1, 2007, and to also work with members on services available through the Soboba and Marongo Indian clinics.

The election of officers took place at the first meeting with the following members elected: chairperson, Lynn Dorrrough; vice chairperson, Bev Ferdlein; reporter, Helen Bell; secretary/treasurer, Kenneth Hogan (until April 19, 2007) and secretary/treasurer, Ann Overman.

A working set of bylaws was also drawn up at the first meeting, submitted and later approved by the tribe.

The council was granted its \$500 yearly operating expenses by February of 2007.

Central and South Texas council converted to two councils

The Community Council of Central & South Texas, by unanimous vote, was divided into two councils at the July 21 meeting. Due to the large area that the original council covered, it became apparent that needed to divide into two councils to better serve our members. The two new councils have been named: Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas, and Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas.

The Central Texas Council includes the following counties: Travis, Williamson, Blanco, Burnet, Hays, Caldwell, Bastrop, Bell, Milam, Lampasas, Fayette, San Saba, Llano, McLennan, Coryell, Falls, Limestone, Robertson, Brazos, Burleson and Lee.

The South Texas Council includes the following counties: Bexar, Gaudalupe, Comal, Ken-

dall, Kerr, Atascosa, Bandera, Bee, DeWitt, Duval, Frio, Goliad, Karnes, LaSalle, Lavaca, Live Oak, McAllen, Medina, Real, Refugio, San Patricio, Uvalde, Victoria, Web, Wilson, Zavala and Gonzales.

Board members for the Central Texas Council are: Gene Thompson – Chairman, Jay Hurst – Vice Chairman, Heather Hamilton – Treasurer, Tom Norton – Secretary/Reporter, Joyce Herrington – Board Member At Large, Shannon Speed – Board Member At Large and Marisa Vickery – Board Member At Large.

Michele Moody, Chairman of the South Texas Council, is currently forming the remainder of their board.

After a delicious potluck meal including brisket and sausage, we were entertained by a presentation by Stephanie Scott of the



Stephanie Scott telling a story.

Chickasaw Nation Cultural Department. Stephanie explained the process to become an official Chickasaw Storyteller and then told several Chickasaw stories



Members of the Community Council of Central and South Texas listening during storytelling time.

which we thoroughly enjoyed. We also viewed the beautifully done Chickasaw Boarding School video.

Lastly, the Hudson Bend Fire

Department provided some cool sprinkling from their hoses. Anyone who desired to get wet did. Plus all attendees were invited to tour the fire truck.

Wichita council meets



Mark Brown, right, Lakota Sioux Holy Man, displays a scale model of a Lakota sweat Lodge, which he used to explain the ritual to members of the Chickasaw Wichita Community Council. At left is Chuck Rivas, secretary of the Wichita council.

Lakota Sioux holy man Mark Brown, who lives in Wichita, spoke to the Wichita Chickasaw Community Council at its August meeting about the religious and health aspects of the Lakota sweat lodge.

He explained the four rounds of prayers, songs and the protocol which are vital to the ancient Native American ritual. He also displayed a scale model of a sweat lodge which he created. He was introduced by Chuck Rivas, secretary of the Wichita council of the Chickasaws.

Representing the Chickasaw

Nation at the meeting were Sharon Nelson, of the Department of Special Events, and Linda Giles, liaison for the Department of Special Services.

Lynn Stumblingbear, chair of the Wichita council, announced that the group's September meeting would be a picnic at the Horseshoe Pavilion in Sedgwick County Park from 2 to 6 p.m. Sept. 9. The council will be providing the meat and drinks with members bringing a covered dish. The group hopes to make the picnic an annual event.

Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas conducts first meeting



Thomas Benjamin (Luksi-Iskitinii) Thompson, Sr., left, was the last elected Treasurer of the Old Chickasaw Nation and father of the Indian storyteller TeAta. At right, his grandson, Gene Thompson (Nashoba), chairman of the Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas.

The newly formed Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas conducted its first meeting August 19, 2007 at the Bee Cave City Hall, Bee Cave, Texas.

Members were welcomed and invited to partake of refreshments.

We then had the pleasure of viewing the video, "Pearl Scott Pioneer Aviatrix." We are all very impressed with Pearl Scott's accomplishments – es-

pecially the fact that she was the first American Indian aviator.

Plans were made to develop a library of Chickasaw items.

We were all encouraged to increase our pride in our heritage by attending the Annual Meeting in Tishomingo in September.

Various plans were made for future meetings and we enjoyed a brief social time before adjourning the meeting.

Letter to Editor: _____

Dear Editor:

I am looking for a picture of the original Blue Baptist Church, located at Connerville, Okla. The church was probably built in 1909 and possibly early 1910. I think the first church service was conducted there in April 1910. Any old pictures of the camp houses, former pastors or deacons in the early years would also be appreciated.

Please call (580) 777-2248 or copies of the photos can be mailed to:

David Poe
Blue Baptist Church
P.O. Box 194
Connerville, OK 74836
Thank you very much
and God bless you,
David





Johnston County council enjoys visit from Ardmore dance troupe

The Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council met on August 20 and discussed

ideas for a float for the upcoming Chickasaw Festival parade. Special guest speakers included

John Jordan, recruiter for Chickasaw Nation Industries, Patricia Apple from the Office of Special

Trustees, David Keel from Minerals Management Service and students Mariah and Trey from the children's dance troupe class in Ardmore.

John Jordan gave information to the group on Chickasaw Nation Industries' contracts and job opportunities.

Patricia gave out information on the "Whereabouts Unknown" accounts for Chickasaws and Choctaws. This is a list of individuals who have money sitting in an individual Indian money account from land leases, royalties, etc. and may be heirs of individuals with accounts who do not know they can claim money in these accounts.

David Keel gave out contact

information for questions about oil and gas royalty payments for BIA leases.

Students from the Chickasaw dance troupe in Ardmore and their leader gave information and demonstrated the different types of dances and the clothing worn. Everyone was then invited into the gym to dance.

The meeting concluded with door prize drawings and a meal of chili, hotdogs, chips and cake prepared by chair Ann Fink and member Virginia Mills.

The Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council meets the third Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the Chickasaw Nation Community Center on Ray Branum Road in Tishomingo.

Northern Pontotoc council meets

The Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council met at its regularly scheduled time of 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month.

The group had two very special guests at the August meeting. Wilson Seawright and his daughter Monica, who is the current Chickasaw Princess, graced the group with their presence and Wilson gave a wonderful presentation on Chickasaw History. We regret that the presentation wasn't longer. We will definitely be asking him to speak again at our meetings.

We have received requests for a bus trip to Tishomingo for the Annual Festival. If you are interested in going to the Festival on October 6 and would like your name added to the list please contact Tom Hogland at 405-381-2268. We need to know how many people want to go before we can request a bus.

We had a white elephant auction and it was a big success. Legislator Mary Jo Green was the auctioneer and Mike Wingo from the Housing Department was her assistant. A fun time was had by all.

We would like to thank the Chickasaws from Anadarko who attended our meeting tonight. We encourage everyone to come help us develop our relatively new council.

Our #1 goal of the council is to get a new medical facility in the Tri-City Area. We are currently sending petition letters to the governor and all the legislators for their support.

If you haven't signed a letter please come to the next meeting on September 13 at 7 p.m. at the Tri-City Chickasaw Enterprises building.

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS MONTHLY MEETINGS

~~~ Meetings are subject to change, please call the contact person to confirm ~~~

### Ada Chickasaw Community Council

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 pm  
Marie Bailey Community Center  
1800 Jack John Circle  
Ada, OK  
Pat Cox, Chair  
580-272-0549

### Connerville Area

#### Chickasaw Community Council

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:30 pm  
Chickasaw Senior Citizen Site  
Connerville, OK  
Tony Poe, Chair  
580-421-4994  
[tony.poe@chickasaw.net](mailto:tony.poe@chickasaw.net)

### Johnston County

#### Chickasaw Community Council

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6:30 pm  
Chickasaw Community Building  
1109 Ray Branum Road  
Tishomingo, OK  
Ann Fink, Chair  
580-371-3351  
[flora.fink@chickasaw.net](mailto:flora.fink@chickasaw.net)

### Marshall County

#### Chickasaw Community Council

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm  
Marshall County Chickasaw Community Center  
1400 Enos Road  
Kingston, OK  
Sarah Lea, Chair  
580-564-4570  
[lsar747@duracom.net](mailto:lsar747@duracom.net)

### Northern Pontotoc

#### Chickasaw Community Council

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7:00 pm  
Chickasaw Enterprises Training Center  
400 NW 32<sup>nd</sup> Hwy. 37

Newcastle, OK  
Tom Hogland, Chair  
405-381-2268

### OKC Metro

#### Chickasaw Community Council

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm  
Lakepointe Towers, Sixth Floor  
4005 N.W. Expressway  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Pam Conard, Chair  
405-973-8127  
[drprconard@cox.net](mailto:drprconard@cox.net)

### Purcell Chickasaw Community Council

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:00 pm  
Regional Office – 1603 S. Green Ave.  
Purcell, OK  
Keith Shackelford, Chair  
405-527-5745  
[lowakchuffa@yahoo.com](mailto:lowakchuffa@yahoo.com)

### COLORADO ~~~

#### Chickasaw Community Council

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 11:30 am  
Denver, CO  
Call for location  
Carol Berry  
303-235-0282  
[Chickasaw303@yahoo.com](mailto:Chickasaw303@yahoo.com)

### CALIFORNIA ~~~

#### Inland Empire/Desert Cities

#### Chickasaw Community Council

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 pm  
Meetings held quarterly  
San Geronio Hospital  
Education Conference Room  
600 N. Highland Springs  
Banning, CA  
Lynn M. Dorrough, Chair  
909-213-7273

[liknryn@hotmail.com](mailto:liknryn@hotmail.com)

### KANSAS ~~~

#### Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, KS

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 3:00 pm  
Wichita Indian United Methodist Church  
1111 N. Meridian  
Wichita, KS  
Lynn Stumblingbear, Chair  
316-945-9219  
[lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com)  
Pam Harjo, Vice-Chair  
316-393-0696

### TEXAS ~~~

#### Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas

San Antonio, TX Area  
Meetings held quarterly  
Call for time and location  
Michele Moody, Chair  
210-492-2288  
[mmoody@docuguides.com](mailto:mmoody@docuguides.com)

#### Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas

Austin, Texas Area  
Monthly meetings  
Call for time and location  
Gene Thompson, Chair  
512-258-7919  
[genevivianthompson@hotmail.com](mailto:genevivianthompson@hotmail.com)

#### North Texas Chickasaw Community Council

Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 3:00 pm  
Urban Inter-Tribal Center of Texas  
209 East Jefferson Blvd.  
Dallas, Texas  
John C. Atkins, Chair  
972-271-0692  
[Injunjon2@verizon.net](mailto:Injunjon2@verizon.net)



## Career tech, GED students honored

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Education recently hosted an awards banquet for students participating in the Career Technology and Training Development Program and the General Educational Development (GED) Program.

A dinner was served at the Chickasaw Ada Community Center and an awards presentation was conducted for both programs.

Career technology and training development manager Jennifer Parks and career technology specialist Tammy Abney awarded 15 graduates.

Those completing their training include DeMarcus Anderson, Sheila Bennett, Casey Biege, Dax Byrd, Tera Elledge, Riley Elmore, Patricia Enright, Becky Hartman, Tina Lossa, Jerissa Marshall, Micah Medlock, Chris Pennoke, James Richard, Jasmine Simon and Robert Tillman.

Adult learning program manager Lynne Chatfield and adult

learning education specialist Shirley Machin awarded 93 GED graduates.

Those receiving their GED certificates include Robin Abbott-Johnson, Mary Adams, Judy Ashley, Victoria Barnosky, Caleb Bates, Teerah Baxter, Stephen Behrens, Andrea Bounds, Ethan Bozeman, Leroy Bradsher, Erin Brown, Jordan Brown, Heather Bulen, Tabitha Camp, Jessica Collins, Sarah Comstock, David Correll, Jason Crewse, Mary Cruz, Ashley Day, Kelly Devitt, Jennifer Elrod, Brian Epps, Jeremiah Evers, Emil Farve, Heather Gallup, Laura George, Lee Gibson, Sonya Gibson, Timmie Gibson, Franklin Gonzalez, Chris Grady, Summer Green, Harlean Hamilton, Jr., Terri Hamilton, Lisa Hatton, Jason Heffington, David Higdon, Nashoba Hill, Tjuana Hill, Sonya Leigh Hills, Shauna Hollis, Mary Hughes, Donald Jackson, Wesley Jackson, Maggie John, Amy Johnson, Austin Johnson, Melena Johnson, Buffy

King, Tyson LeDoux, Gabriel Leflore, Tiffany Lemons, Angel Dawn Lyman, Adrienne Marris, Lisa Mason, Sherri McGraw, Brittany McLain Bounds, Kisha Miller, Randy Mitchell, Jericha Mudge, Damarcus Okra, William Onco, Ronnie Phillips, Brian Piper, Michael Power, Justin Ray, Rendy Reed, Malory Rhodes, Paul Rodriguez, Ryan Rogers, Ammishaddai Ross, Jessie Sampson, Cheri Scott, Keeyona C. Seals, Lavana Sides, James Smith, Jessica Stockton, Heather Suiter, Mande Taylor, Michelle Tsosie, Christina Upton, Amber Varela, Crystalyn West, Taylor West, Anson Williams, Trisha Williams, Michael Willis, Marcus Wilmond, Jay Wesley Wisdom, Edward Wolfe, William Chad Woods and Thomas M. Worcester.

Congratulations to all our students!

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

## Sash on display in Alabama



The sash in the photo, reportedly worn by Chickasaw leader George Colbert about 200 years ago, will be on display during the oka kapassa festival. The sash, which was donated by the Colbert family, will be on loan to the Helen Keller public library from 2:30 pm. to 5 p.m. Friday, September 7. The library is located at 511 North Main Street, Tuscumbia Alabama.

## Youth Fall Retreat

October 18 - 20, 2007

Camp WOW  
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The Fall Retreat camp is open to Native American youth between the ages of 13 and 19.

**Application deadline is September 21, 2007**

**Applications can be completed online at**

**[www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps](http://www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps)**

There will be lots of fun events and activities including campaign preparations and decorations, a dance, karaoke, a craft workshop, a challenge course, the power pole, the zip line/climbing wall, basketball, volleyball and competitive team activities. Transportation will be provided to and from Ada, Purcell, Ardmore, Davis and Tishomingo.

For more information contact Melissa Wilkerson at (580) 310-6620.

## 'Bobcat and Mr. Bird'

In early times when the world was new there lived a cunning Bobcat, who searched the woods daily looking for mischief.

While hunting one day he came across a beautiful bird standing on the shore of a lake looking at his reflection in the water. Bobcat walked up and surprised the Bird who then quickly flew up into the highest branch of a tree.

"My Mr. Bird what beautiful tail feathers you have," said Bobcat. Mr. Bird liked hearing this because he himself liked to look at his own long full beautiful tail feathers. Mr. Bird hopped down to another branch closer to the Bobcat.

"Why yes my feathers are quite beautiful aren't they. I see you have no beautiful tail like I have," said Mr. Bird to the Bobcat. This was a sore subject for Bobcat because he was ashamed he had no tail and sometimes the other animals would make fun of him because his was just a stub.

"Mr. Bird you are right, your tail is something to behold and how lovely the color and so long and full. I think it must be longer than the other birds of

the woods," said Bobcat. Mr. Bird loved to hear this, so he flew down closer to Bobcat so that he could get a better look. Mr. Bird then turned his back and fluffed out his tail. Oh how proud he was that he had a beautiful tail to display while Bobcat had none.

Mr. Bird was so busy showing off his tail that he didn't notice Bobcat slowly sneaking up on him. All of a sudden Bobcat jumped up to catch Mr. Bird in his mouth, but all he got was a mouth full of feathers. Mr. Bird was just too quick.

Mr. Bird flew away but he lost most all of the beautiful tail feathers. Only a few remained on the sides. After that you could see Mr. Bird setting up high in the branches of the trees trying to flex his tail feathers like before but it wasn't the same. His tail feathers never grew back again.

Some days you can see Mr. Bird out and about trying to flex and fluff his tail. You might have even seen him we call him Scissortail now.

**Submitted by  
Judy L. Thomas**



## Tribal Division of History, Research and Scholarship

## Dr. Cobb's goal: make Chickasaw history accessible

Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham has been appointed administrator of the newly developed Chickasaw Nation Division of History, Research, and Scholarship.

The mission of the new division includes preserving and adding to archives and genealogical records, preserving and caring for archaeological artifacts and providing a place to learn about and share Chickasaw history and culture.

"Our division is really a resource for everyone," said Dr. Cobb. "We have our libraries, archives and collections. We have the Chickasaw Press.

"Our new department is the department of Chickasaw studies, which is a place for in-house faculty to develop themselves doing research on Chickasaw culture and history and writing about it."

One of the projects the division is undertaking is the development of the Chickasaw Holisso Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture, which will eventually be housed at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

"We want to make that the premier place in the nation to come and study and learn anything about Chickasaw history and culture," said Dr. Cobb.

She added that one of the goals is to make history more accessible.

"Our history is living and active and dynamic," she said. "We want to make this center a place where the discussion of history and culture is very much a dynamic thing with lecture series and brownbag series and workshops, seminars, and some sort of history camp for children."

Dr. Cobb also wants to encourage Chickasaws to become more involved in developing the historical collections.

"We are really encouraging everybody to donate whatever they have regarding their families, Dr. Cobb said. "A lot of people think 'well this is just my family,' but it's also Chickasaw history. One of the best ways we can all trace our history and genealogy is through our families and kinship systems."

While some families have been reluctant to donate one-of-a-kind photographs and docu-

ments, technology is now available to scan those items.

This allows the family to keep the original and still contribute to the collection.

Jeannie Barbour is the director of the libraries, archives and collections department.

"We already have a pretty sizable archive, library and collections," said Ms. Barbour.

"We hope to continue to add to it. It is our goal to acquire more maps more rare books more documents.

"Eventually we'd like to have the technology in place that will allow people to access it more readily."

Several publications are soon to be published by the Chickasaw Press.

These include *Never Give Up!: The Life of Pearl Carter Scott* by Paul Lambert and *A Nation in Transition: Douglas Henry Johnston and the Chickasaws, 1898-1939* by Michael Lovegrove.

Volume one and Volume two of *Chickasaw Lives: Readings in Chickasaw History* by tribal historian Richard Green will

also be published soon.

Other division initiatives include the Chickasaw Historical Society, the Chickasaw Hall of Fame, Silver Feather and heritage Preservation awards, as well as the council of elders.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

## Editor, author of Indian papers

## Tribal administrator founder of American Indian Research Institute



Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham

Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham received her Ph.D from the University of Oklahoma in 1997.

While associate professor of American studies at the University of New Mexico, she founded the Institute for American Indian Research. She is also editor of one of the foremost peer-reviewed journals in Native American Studies, *American Indian Quarterly*.

Dr. Cobb is the author of *Listening to Our Grandmothers' Stories: The Bloomfield Academy for Chickasaw Females, 1885-1949* which was selected as a winner of the 2001 American Book Award as well as the 1998 North American Indian

Prose Award.

Dr. Cobb also joined Jeannie Barbour and Linda Hogan to co-author *Chickasaws: Unconquered and Unconquerable*.

She has also published articles in journals such as *American Quarterly*, *American Studies*, *Studies in American Indian Literature*, and *American Indian*

*Quarterly*.

Her next project, a co-edited collection of essays titled *The National Museum of the American Indian: Critical Conversations*, is forthcoming from the University of Nebraska Press.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

## Affordable Housing

## Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing &amp; Tribal Development

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development has available housing in the following areas.

## Ardmore (age 55+) and Marietta

The **Ardmore High-rise** (age 55+) apartments include central heat & air, range, and refrigerator in each apartment. A convenient laundry room is available on every floor. An on site manager, maintenance person and security at night are provided. All utilities are paid.

The **Marietta** apartments offer central heat, washer/dryer hookups, range and refrigerator. Water is paid.

Monthly rent is income based for all apartments. Security deposits range from \$50 to \$100.

For applications and additional information contact Ardmore High Rise Office at 580-226-4590 or Ardmore Office at 580-226-2095.

**Davis, Byng, and Marie Bailey** (Marie Bailey in Ada, Okla., for ages 55+)

Central heat & air, carpeting, range, refrigerator, and washer/dryer hookups are offered. The Marie Bailey apartments provide all the above including washer and dryer.

Monthly rent is income based. Security deposits range from \$50 to \$160.

Water is paid at Davis and Byng.

For applications and additional information contact the Ada Office at 580-421-8800.

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# Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy offers kids variety

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities recently hosted the third annual Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (CSAA) at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma.

Students ages eight through 19 from across the country attended the two-week long academy which provided intense, detailed and culturally sensitive instruction in several art disciplines including music composition, literary arts, visual arts, video production, vocal music, dance and drama. The academy ended with an art gallery and live performances to showcase the students' work.

"This is a great opportunity for students to share their talents

and gain valuable experience," said Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Working with professional artists and drawing from their wisdom will help the students improve their skills and, hopefully, inspire them to continue pursuing the arts."

CSAA offered two class levels this year – the core classes for advanced students and a new fine arts rotation for younger students.

## CORE CLASSES

Advanced students have the unique opportunity to explore their art discipline of choice while gaining instruction in both group and one-on-one settings with professionals who excel in

their field.

Students can study two disciplines while at the academy. While most of their time is focused on their major, they also spend time working on projects in a minor discipline. Through this, students have a chance to truly sharpen their skills and explore new disciplines as well.

"CSAA has really outdone themselves," said vocal music major Aubrey Alford. "I like to explore different minors and I'm having so much fun. It's not camp, it's Academy."

New to the lineup of core classes this year was video production. This new discipline gave students exposure to the methods and practices of video production and experience and training with state-of-the-art equipment. Students created storyboards, operated cameras and lighting and edited two productions which premiered at the academy showcase.

Video production was instructed by Robbie Blair and assistant Josh Newby. Both work in production for the Chickasaw Nation Multimedia Department. They joined a group of outstanding, professional instructors conducting the other six classes.

Phillip Berryhill, Chickasaw Children's Choir Director, worked with vocal music students; Cara Crawford, Central Oklahoma Dance Center Director, served as the instructor for



**Vocal music students Katy Duty, Aubrey Halford, Kire' Stenson, Austin McGee, Katie Goodnight, Rebecca Lucas and Madie Goodnight practice their performance on stage.**

dance; Kelley Isom, Chickasaw Nation Department of Humanities and Literary Arts Coordinator, conducted literary arts classes; Bret Jones, East Central University Theatre Director and Assistant Professor of Communication, worked with theatre students; Trina Jones, Chickasaw Nation Arts in Education Instructor, served as the visual arts instructor; and Jerod Tate, Composer-in-Residence for The Joyce Foundation/American Composers Forum, instructed the music composition students.

From class to class, academy students were exposed to a variety of skill development techniques, tricks of the trade and creative processes that will continue on with them long after the final show.

Betsy Barbour, visual arts major, said of her experience, "By coming to the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy, I've taken the first step to succeeding in my dreams of becoming an artist."

*Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.*



**Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy fine arts rotation students Daniel Carpenter, Austin Ochoa, Chestine Underwood, Cheyenne Knight and Allyssa Blankenship rehearse lines as they prepare for the academy showcase.**

## Arts rotation opens new, expansive worlds

The CSAA Fine Arts Rotation students were each assigned a clan - Panther, Bear, Raccoon, Bird and Wolf. Each clan, composed of seven to eight students, had a homeroom where students would begin and end each day. The small group created an identity and a feeling of family for the student, said academy organizers.

The clans rotated through each arts component daily, including visual art, theatre, literary arts, dance and music.

The students started with fundamentals, and the week culminated with a multi-faceted showcase entitled "100 Years In Chickasaw History," which featured skills the students had acquired.

In the first few days of theatre rotation, students used words like "egg" to learn about pitch, tone and diction. They also learned about stage whispers and how to project their voice as the week progressed, under the direction of instructor Krista Clark.

The dance students were introduced to new choreography on day one and were able to present the intricate dance, entitled "Element" by day nine with coaching from Dance instructor Rachel Benham.

During the Visual Arts rotation, students painted and decorated small books, with the help of instructor Ashley Leming. Students also used stamped foil to put Native American finishing

touch on the books, which were called "Art Makes Us Smart" journals. Time was devoted at the end of each day for the students to write about their experiences in these journals.

Literary Arts students learned the differences between prose and poetry, and wrote their own Japanese haiku, rhyming poetry and free verse, said Literary Arts instructor Laura Clark.

Students also learned about experiencing the world through awareness of detail, especially through the five senses, and used all their new knowledge to write stories centered on the academy's theme: "100 years

*See CSAA Fine Arts, page 27*



**Visual arts major Skye Shackelford works on a leather bowl she created during Arts Academy. All of the artwork created during the academy was displayed at the "Gallery Walk and Reception" the evening of the academy showcase.**



## CSAA Fine Arts, continued from page 26



**Niles Wych and Nathan Redman go over the theatre script with Arts Academy summer intern Forrest Cheadle.**

ago in Chickasaw history.”

During daily breaks guests would give the students lessons about Chickasaw culture. Members of the dance troop visited one day and gave the students a demonstration of the stomp dance.

On the final day of the academy, a celebration of the arts was performed before a packed house, which included a skit, several songs, and a dance, which all focused on the academy's theme: “100 years ago in Chickasaw history.”

The afternoon event opened with a short skit about a school day in 1907, where the students were learning about the day's president Teddy Roosevelt and the music of Irving Berlin.

The setting transformed into a funny song, “*The Kid With The Surprising Sneeze*.” The song's message was finding a place to belong.

The dance entitled “Element,” was performed. Dancers represented the four elements: Earth,

fire, wind, and water.

Storytellers also read their stories aloud during the performance, before the show closed with “*The Chickasaw Color Song*,” directed by Vocal Music instructor Mika Hinson.

It was evident by the smiles that the students had a good time.

“I got to sing, read and speak Chickasaw in the performance,” said Katy Shackelford, of Lexington, Okla.

Sean Hall, Wichita Falls, Texas, said he planned to return next year for the academy. The nine-year-old said Literary Arts was his favorite part of the rotation.

“I liked it all,” said nine-year-old Daniel Carpenter, of Ada. His mom quickly added that Daniel could not wait until the academy began.

“It's all he talked about all summer; this is his favorite thing to do.”

*Contributed by Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.*

### MOCCASIN TRAIL IN YOUR CORNER

By Anona McCullar

#### Refuel with Fruit

They're more than 80 percent water, so fruits such as grapes, watermelon, cantaloupe and honeydew are a tasty way to replenish fluids and boost your energy post-workout. Keep them frozen for a refreshing treat.

Other good options: smoothies, frozen yogurt or Jell-o with fruit chunks. They provide the perfect mix of carbs

and fluids and they're easily digestible.

If you've lost a lot of salt (hint: your clothes have white sweat stains after a workout), replace sodium by drinking V8 or a sports drink

The Moccasin Trail Program would like to thank the following for accomplishing over the 1,000-mile goal. Congrats to Madelyn Alexander!

## Arts Academy Showcase a thrill

Most artists live their whole lives without the satisfaction of seeing their work hang from a gallery wall.

Many composers never experience the thrill of hearing their pieces played anywhere other than inside their own head.

Yet, for the past three summers, several Chickasaw youth have watched as their creativity unfolded in front of family and friends at the annual Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (CSAA) Showcase performance that takes place at the conclusion of the academy.

This is a time when two weeks of hard work and a lifetime of dreams come together for a performance that reminds everyone in attendance that age is not a prerequisite for talent and the arts are too valuable to lose.

The 2007 performance did not disappoint.

From edgy to classic, and humorous to heartfelt, the young artists displayed their talents on canvas and stage in front of a packed house of appreciative onlookers – a scary endeavor for some, but an opportunity worth the risk.

In song and dance and paint and film, many of these students exposed their hearts, their thoughts, their hopes and their fears - trusting the audience to receive and believe, and maybe even listen to what they had to say.

And what their voices rang out loud and clear is a message that every Chickasaw can be proud of, “I have a future. I am creative and I have something to share with the world. I am brave

and strong and valuable. I have a voice.”

And as the young painters and film makers looked on at their masterpieces with shoulders squared and heads high, as dancers and actors overcame the butterflies and anxiety to give the performance of a lifetime and as vocalists and composers heard their notes rise to the rafters, a new dream was born. A dream of what could be possible. A glimpse at a future that now seems within reach.

And for those that had the privilege of watching this creativity unfold, they got a glimpse of what can become of one child with one dream and an opportunity.

*Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.*

## Breastfeeding offers babies opportunity to be ‘the healthiest babies possible’



**Michael, Dana and Maleah Webster.**

counselor.”

As a former WIC client, Mrs. Webster relied on the services provided by the WIC program to help her get off to a good start with breastfeeding. The WIC staff, including lactation consultant Debra Cox, and the peer counselor helped her have a more enjoyable breastfeeding experience. She exclusively breastfed her daughter for six months and continued nursing until she weaned herself at 15 months.

“I have been so excited with sharing my experience and helping other moms make the best start for their baby,” Mrs. Webster said. “I am just a mom helping moms create a better breastfeeding experience and have the healthiest babies possible.”

Mrs. Webster has been married to Michael, a Chickasaw Nation Industries employee, for five years. They have one daughter, Maleah, who is two.

They are expecting their second child this winter.

Mrs. Webster coordinates Ardmore's Breastfeeding Moms Support Group. The support group meets semi-monthly on the first Thursday of the month at noon and the third Tuesday of the month at the 5:30 p.m. at the Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Center, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd., Ardmore, Okla.

The WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor program was established to provide support and education to mothers who want to breastfeed. Peer counselors are available in all WIC locations and surrounding areas in the following cities: Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Duncan and Purcell. Debra Cox, a board certified lactation consultant, coordinates the program and offers specialized help to moms having difficulties establishing breastfeeding.

Their goal is to make breastfeeding the preferred method of infant feeding for all mothers as is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. For help and support in the area of breastfeeding call (580) 399-2002, (580) 310-6420, or the toll free breastfeeding warm line, (888) 439-8970.



## VEGF 'revolutionizing' eye disease treatment

# CNHS now offering most advanced treatments to combat blindness

It is estimated by the American Diabetes Association (ADA) that there are 20.8 million children and adults in the United States who have diabetes. Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes and Native Americans are at a much higher risk for developing this type of diabetes than other populations.

In type 2 diabetes, the body does not produce enough insulin or the cells ignore insulin, resulting in the body's inability to use sugar. This is a major problem because sugar is the basic fuel for cells in the body and insulin takes the sugar from the blood into cells. When this process does not occur, glucose builds up in the bloodstream leading to many health problems associated with diabetes, including heart disease, nerve damage, kidney damage and blindness.

It has been proven that people with diabetes have a much higher risk of blindness and eye disorders than people without diabetes. Diabetic retinopathy is a term used to group all disorders affecting the retina that are caused by diabetes. There are two major types of retinopathy - proliferative and nonproliferative.

According to the ADA, non-proliferative retinopathy is the most common form of retinopathy. In this type of retinal disorder, capillaries in the back of the eye balloon and form pouches. As nonproliferative retinopathy progresses, more blood vessels become blocked. In some cases, retinopathy advances over a span of years into a more serious form of retinal disorder, proliferative retinopathy.

In proliferative retinopathy, the blood vessels in the eye are damaged to the extent that they close off, causing new blood vessels to begin growing in the retina. The new vessels are weak and can leak blood, which causes scarring and can eventually lead to retinal detachment. Even with proliferative retinopathy, some people have no symptoms until it is too late. This is why it is important to have regular eye exams.

Dr. John Garber, CNHS Chief of Optometry, and Dr. Stephen Fransen have combined forces to combat blindness in Chickasaw Nation Health System

patients. Through a partnership with Dean McGee Eye Institute, the Chickasaw Nation is able to offer patients state-of-the-art treatment involving telemedicine and the use of lasers, and most recently vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) injections.

"Our partnership with Dean McGee has provided the Chickasaw Nation with the most advanced eye treatment and technologies, which greatly benefit eye care for our patients, CNHS administrator Bill Lance said.

"Together we have brought cutting edge metropolitan eye care to our hospital in Ada, Oklahoma."

All maintenance and updating of equipment is done by Dean

McGee Eye Institute.

Retinal images are sent via the internet and evaluated by retinal specialists. Once per month, Dr. Garber and Dr. Fransen conduct a retinal clinic in which patients come in for appointments and Dr. Fransen is able to do treatment with lasers and VEGF injections the same afternoon.

VEGF treatments have only recently been offered at the Chickasaw Nation eye clinic and Dr. Garber is excited about what this new treatment can offer to patients.

"VEGF is revolutionizing the way neovascular eye disease is being treated," said Dr. Garber, "It is the future right now."

In Garber's opinion, VEGF is "the single largest step in the last

four decades."

Be sure to have a comprehensive dilated eye exam once per year to avoid problems related with proliferative retinopathy

and other eye-related illnesses.

To schedule an eye exam, please call (580) 421-4508.

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**Dr. Stephen Fransen performs a VEGF treatment on Ruby Little while Dr. John Garber assists.**

## Children need eye exams; back-to-school a good time to start

Millions of children will start school this year with a vision problem that may inhibit their ability to learn and ultimately affect the rest of their lives. As parents send their children back to school, one of the most important things they can do to help ensure their child's ability to learn is to take them for an eye exam.

The American Optometric Association (AOA) recommends comprehensive eye exams especially for children meeting preschool and kindergarten.

Proper vision detection and correction in young children may affect much more their ability to see clearly. Without comprehensive eye exam by an optometrist or an ophthalmologist, many children have vision problems that can go undiagnosed, and may even be misdiagnosed as a learning disorder.

"An early comprehensive eye exam evaluates a child's vision, eye learning skills and tracking skills as well as eye health," Dr. Don Martin, an Ardmore optometrists said. "It's a good way to avoid problems down the road."

Children entering preschool or kindergarten benefit the most from comprehensive eye exams though they rarely receive them early enough. Currently, only 14 percent of children under six

have received a comprehensive eye exam, according to the U.S. Center for Health Statistics. Vision impairments in children of this age can be detected through an eye exam and are typically easy to correct immediately afterwards.

An eye exam will help correct common vision problems, such as nearsightedness and farsightedness as well as more serious conditions such as amblyopia, commonly known as lazy eye.

Amblyopia affects about five percent of children nationwide. The condition is completely treatable and preventable if detected within the first few years of life. The lack of early eye care has allowed amblyopia to escape detection, and it remains the leading cause of blindness in Americans under 40.

"Children may not recognize that they have a vision problem," said Dr. Martin, "particularly children who are too young to know the alphabet or even to speak. However, there are proven methods for full eye exams on young children that can be done effectively and efficiently."

The back-to-school season is an ideal time for parents to take their child to an eye doctor for a comprehensive exam, particularly since much of what children learn is obtained through the eyes.

## Oklahoma Marriage Initiative's 'All About Us' set for September 22

ARDMORE, Okla. - Would you like an easy and effective way to improve and enhance your relationship with your partner or spouse? Or techniques to handle conflict effectively and keep the romance and spark alive?

Then mark your calendar for Saturday, September 22 to attend the Oklahoma Marriage Initiative's (OMI) "All About Us" day. The program will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the County Health Department Conference Center in Ardmore.

Not only is the program free and open to all couples interested in improving their

marriages and relationships, it is recognized the State of Oklahoma as pre-marital education. Engaged couples who attend and complete the program together are eligible for a discount on their marriage license and will pay only \$5 instead of \$50 for an

Oklahoma marriage license.

"The research is clear that marriage and relationship success can be learned," Kendy Cox, OMI director of services said. "Whether attendees are just beginning their relationship journey or have been married many years, we are confident that this program will have an impact on their relationship quality and commitment."

Program presenters will teach couples attending the event how to improve communication, manage conflict effectively, and keep the love and romance alive.

To register for the Ardmore "All About Us" program, go to [www.okmarriage.org](http://www.okmarriage.org) or call Lauren toll-free at (877) 435-8033. A complete listing of 2007 tour dates and registration information can be accessed at [www.okmarriage.org](http://www.okmarriage.org).



**2,500 prescriptions filled daily**

## Pharmacy Refill Center automated system adding speed, efficiency



**Jamie Bateman, pharmacy technician, scans canisters to refill medicines in the Opti Fill machine.**

The Chickasaw Nation Pharmacy Refill Center opened just a few short months ago, and the facility is already experiencing excellent results with the new automation system.

The state-of-the-art automated equipment and three drive-through lanes have provided convenient and efficient pharmacy service to patients.

Currently, pharmacy staffers fill an average of 2,500 prescriptions per day. According to Chris Anoatubby, Chief of Pharmacy

Services, since opening the new facility, volume has more than doubled and the automation system has alleviated many routine tasks for staff.

"The efficiencies that we have gained with automation have allowed our pharmacists to do more of what they were trained to do, rather than just counting pills," Anoatubby said.

Anoatubby is pleased with the rate of success experienced since opening the new facility and hopes for continued success

and improvement. The refill center's main goal is to provide the safest, most efficient pharmacy service possible. With the new system, center pharmacists and staff have been able to meet and exceed many goals in just a few short months.

Patients have readily accepted the new automation system and the decreased wait time while prescriptions are refilled.

"We have received many compliments on the new refill center," Anoatubby said. "People really enjoy picking up their refills through the drive through pickup lanes."

In the near future, patients will have even more convenience when it comes to refilling prescriptions. An automated telephone refill system and web refill system are in the works.

The Pharmacy Refill Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

The refill center staff can be reached at (580) 421-4569 or (800) 851-9136.

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**Pharmacist Charles Strong checks orders for accuracy at the pharmacist check station.**

## Hand hygiene campaign launched at CNHS



**From left, Lisa Bumpus, CNHS Deputy Administrator, Bruce A. Chandler, Office of Environmental Health Program Manager and Heather Summers, Director of Nursing.**

As a part of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) national patient safety goals for 2007, the Chickasaw Nation Health System is launching a hand hygiene campaign.

JCAHO is a leading expert in establishing health care standards in the United States and internationally. The Joint Com-

mission evaluates and accredits nearly 15,000 health care organizations and programs across the United States. JCAHO is an independent, nonprofit organization that aims to continuously improve the safety and quality of care provided to patients.

To earn and maintain JCAHO accreditation, an organization must undergo an on-site survey

by a JCAHO survey team at least once every three years. The Joint Commission accreditation is recognized nationwide as a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to meeting the established standards.

CNHS employees were asked to submit slogan ideas for the campaign. One of the main patient safety goals set forth by JCAHO for this year is to reduce the risk of health care associated infections and comply with the current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) hand hygiene guidelines.

The Chickasaw Nation Health System slogan winner is Bruce A. Chandler, program manager with the Chickasaw Nation Office of Environmental Health. Mr. Chandler's winning slogan is "Don't Be Bullied By Germs. Remember, It Just Takes Two Little Squirts To Stop Infection."

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### Various Healthcare Positions are available with the Chickasaw Nation including:

**Internal Medicine Physician BC/BE  
Psychiatrist (Adult and Child)**

**Physician Assistant –  
Ardmore Clinic**

**Certified Nurse Anesthetist**

**Physical Therapist – Ada O/P**

**Dietitian – Nutrition Program**

To find out more about becoming a part of our wonderful team, please contact:

Jamie Spence, CPMSM Professional Recruiter

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Health

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## Tishomingo wellness center dedicated



**Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, tribal legislators, and Chickasaw Nation Health System employees cut the ribbon on the new Wellness Center in Tishomingo.**

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Health System opened the Chickasaw Nation Wellness Center at 10 a.m., Monday, July 30 at 821 E. 6th Street in Tishomingo.

Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel reminisced about participating in sports practices years ago on the piece of property that is now the new site of the Tishomingo Wellness Center. It is very fitting that a place where students once practiced ball has transitioned into a facility where the entire community can exercise and enjoy a healthier life!

The wellness center will provide education, mentoring, monitoring, incentives and access to activities to promote exercise, nutrition and overall improved health.

By providing access to equipment and services offered at the three wellness centers in Ada, Ardmore and now Tishomingo, the Chickasaw Nation is hoping to help build a healthier community and reduce the health disparities faced by many Native Americans today.

"Today marks another milestone in our mission to enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We are excited that citizens in the Tishomingo area will have such a wonderful facility to utilize."

Bill Lance, CNHS administrator, expressed his excitement in being involved with this project

and he hopes that the people of Tishomingo "will embrace this facility and become a well community."

Combined, the wellness centers have more than 6,300 participants and have had more than 45,000 participant visits already this year. The center staffers hope to add to this number greatly with the addition of the Tishomingo facility.

Membership to the facility is free for tribal citizens and employees and is also open to community members at a small fee.

The facility offers participants many avenues to exercise including: free weights,

cardio equipment, aerobics and strength training. A pool will also be added adjacent to the wellness center in the near future.

The wellness center hours of operation are:

Monday – Thursday  
5:30am – 8:00pm

Friday  
5:30am – 7:00pm

Saturday  
8:00am – Noon

Sunday Closed

For more information, please call (580) 387-2711.

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### Visit the CHIC Center!

The CHIC Center is a patient health information center where you can use computers to access health care information through the National Library of Medicine. It is located in the main lobby of CAIHF. CHIC Center staff is available to assist patients during their visit. Privacy screens will also be utilized so patients can maintain confidentiality and printers will be available for those who prefer to print information for home review.

Visit [www.chicresources.net](http://www.chicresources.net) or [www.nlm.nih.gov](http://www.nlm.nih.gov) to access the latest in health information.

For more information on the CHIC Center, call Elizabeth Brewer at (580) 436-3980 ext. 80919.



## REACH program targets cardiovascular health, diabetes control



**Blayne Walker receives some help from his dad, Bailey, at the Eccentric Duffer golf course in Ada.**

The Chickasaw Nation REACH 2010 program hosted physical activity events on July 26, from 5-8 p.m. at the Eccentric Duffer golf course in Ada, and on July 31 from 7-9 p.m. at the Ada Elks Lodge pool.

Participants played golf and swam at no cost during these events.

The Oklahoma Native American REACH 2010 Initiative is part of a national campaign created to reduce the burden of cardiovascular disease and dia-

betes on Native Americans.

In an effort to increase physical activity, REACH sponsors two to four physical activity events per month including; swimming, skating, bowling, golf and many other family-oriented activities.

For more information on the Chickasaw Nation REACH 2010 program, please contact Lea Caufield at (580) 310-9661.

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**Cooper and Shon McCage enjoy family time at the pool.**



## Winners announced in Cultural Evening flyer and t-shirt design



**1<sup>st</sup> place - Ms. Gwen Postoak**



**2<sup>nd</sup> place - Ms. Tammy Stick**



**3<sup>rd</sup> place - Ms. Ashlie Stick**

The Chickasaw Foundation sponsored a flyer and t-shirt design contest for the 2007 Cultural Evening, and the winners for this year's contest are:

1<sup>st</sup> place - Ms. Gwen Postoak - \$100

2<sup>nd</sup> place - Ms. Tammy Stick - \$75

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Ms. Ashlie Stick - \$50

Ms. Postoak's artwork was entitled "Remember Our Traditions; Making New Traditions" and will be showcased on the t-shirts and flyers for the event. Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all who entered the contest.

Please mark your calendars to join us on Tuesday,

October 2, 2007 at Kullihoma for our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Cultural Evening as part of the Chickasaw Festival. We will have a night full of cultural events you won't want to miss. If you have any questions, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

## Coleman Creek nature restoration recognizes 1830s Chickasaw crossing

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. – With the help of hard hats and heavy equipment, Chancellor Joel Anderson of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR), accompanied by Little Rock Mayor Mark Stodola and officials of Audubon Arkansas, began last week turning a five-acre urban corner of concrete and asphalt into a creek shoreline of native trees and grasses.

Bulldozers and other heavy equipment will take down five unusable building in the flood plain of Coleman Creek on

the southeastern border of the UALR campus. The project launches a substantially donor-financed project to restore Coleman Creek to its natural state with native trees, rocks and grasses. This area, east of University Plaza, is the landscape citizens of the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations crossed when they stopped for water at the creek during the forced migration known as the Trail of Tears.

Robert Shults, a board member of Audubon Arkansas that

donated \$75,000 towards the restoration, and Johnnie Chamberlin, representing his family's foundation that contributed \$30,000 for the purchase of native trees for the project, attended the launch for the project on July 19. Participants received native seedlings to mark the occasion.

"The restoration of Coleman Creek is the single most important conservation project undertaken thus far in the Fourche Creek watershed," said Shults. "I want to thank Dr. Anderson,

the Coleman Creek Greenway Committee, and of course, the Audubon conservation staff, led by Kevin Pierson, for their leadership."

In addition to these gifts, the University has received a donation valued at \$135,000 from FTN Associates, a water resources environmental consultant firm, in the form of 1,500 hours of voluntary service on the Coleman Creek project. Private donations will be a significant part of the funding for the project, according to Anderson.

"Landscape engineers tell us this will be the biggest project of de-urbanization in the history of the state," said Dave Millay, director of UALR's physical plant and chair of the Coleman Creek Greenway Project.

UALR acquired the area being reclaimed in a 2004 land purchase of the University Plaza Shopping Center. This acquisition extended the footprint of the campus to Asher Avenue.

The initial project will include removing concrete pilings, asphalt, and other 20<sup>th</sup> Century urban construction. By the fall, Millay said, demolition will be complete, and landscaping will begin to include grass seeding with native fescue, irrigation, and planting of indigenous trees that will begin to transform the area. Project completion will be dependent on additional funding.

Dan Littlefield, director of UALR's Sequoyah Research Center said footpaths that will be constructed later in the project

will create a "circle of life" in which three historical markers will be placed to identify the creek as a stop-over along the foot, horse, and wagon path known as the old Southwest Trail – now Asher Avenue – trails where Chickasaw and Choctaw tribesmen, women, and children in the 1980s pressed westward during the forced migration known as the Trail of Tears. A historical panel will mark each nation's trek, and a third will mark the Southwest Trail.

The undertaking is the first part of the Coleman Creek Greenway Project described in UALR's Master Plan to create a 47-acre greenway reaching the full length of campus with lush vegetation, bicycle and walking trails, benches, beaches, and bridges. The restoration project will provide an outdoor laboratory for biologists, earth scientist, and hydrologists for teaching and research activities and will unite the campus and Coleman Creek with a regional open space system that includes the Fourche Creek Wetlands and War Memorial Park.

The reclamation of the area will also be a part of strategic plan for the University District aimed at improving life and business in the neighborhood surrounding the UALR campus. The University District Partnership is working to redevelop areas around the campus to create a dynamic urban place and improve the quality of life for all persons who live, work, learn, shop, and play in the area.

**Cultural Evening**  
October 2, 2007  
Kullihoma  
(7 miles northeast of Ada on Hwy 1, then 5 miles east and 1 mile south)

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Opening Ceremony | 5:30 p.m. |
| Free Dinner      | 5:50 p.m. |
| Special Ceremony | 7:00 p.m. |

**Featured Activities:**  
Demonstrations of American Indian crafts, stickball demonstrations, marble games, children's activities, stomp dance demonstrations, a performance by the Living History Players and much more

**Everyone is Welcome!**  
Admission is free, bring your lawn chairs!

For more information, call the Chickasaw Foundation at 580-421-9030  
www.chickasawfoundation.org

• No drugs, alcohol or tobacco allowed



# 2007-2008 Chickasaw Foundation scholarship recipients

The Chickasaw Foundation hosted its 7<sup>th</sup> annual scholarship reception on August 2, 2007 at The Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada. Ms. Johnna R. Walker, Executive Director, made special introductions for the event while Mr. Kennedy Brown gave the welcome speech. Miss Chickasaw Monica Seawright and Jr. Miss Chickasaw Nacobi Walker were present. Scholarship presentations were made by the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees and a reception followed.

The following were selected as this year recipients of the 2007-2008 Chickasaw Foundation scholarships.

## Janet Shaley James Scholarship

Ms. Misty Bennett is the recipient of the Janet Shaley James Scholarship in the amount of \$500. She will be a freshman at Leeward Community College majoring in pharmacy.



**Misty Bennett**

## Ann Eubank Health Scholarship

Mr. Benjamin Bigbie is the recipient of the Ann Eubank Health Scholarship in the amount of \$500. He will be a junior at the University of Oklahoma majoring in pre-medicine/economics.



**Benjamin Bigbie**

## Computercraft Corporation Scholarship

Mr. David Billing, Jr. is the recipient of the Computercraft Corporation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 (\$750 per semester). He will be a freshman at Harvard University majoring in molecular biology (pre-medicine).



**David Billing, Jr.**

## The Hill Group Scholarship

Ms. Rina Chronister is one of two recipients for The



**Rina Chronister**

Hill Group Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 (\$1,000 per semester). She will be attending East Central University as a senior majoring in social work and her minor is in counseling. Ms. Chronister is a past recipient of the 2003 Donald G. Gunning Scholarship, the 2005 Hill Group Scholarship and the 2006 Wesley D. Brantley Jr. Scholarship.

## The Hill Group Scholarship

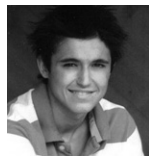
Mr. Joe Thomas is the second recipient of The Hill Group Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 (\$1,000 per semester). He will be attending the University of Oklahoma as a freshman majoring in education.



**Joe Thomas**

## Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship

Mr. Benjamin Colbert is one of two recipients for the Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship in the amount of \$1,200 (\$600 per semester). He will be a junior at the University of Oklahoma majoring in political science (pre-law) and minoring in Native American studies.



**Benjamin Colbert**

## Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship

Mr. Dustin Page is the 2nd recipient of the Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship in the amount of \$1,200 (\$600 per semester). He will be a senior at the University of Oklahoma majoring in economics, history and political science.



**Dustin Page**

## Lillian Fowler Memorial Scholarship

Ms. Kathryn Colbert is the recipient of the Lillian Fowler Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$700. She will be a junior at the University of Oklahoma majoring in zoology-



**Kathryn Colbert**

biomedical/pre-medicine and minoring in chemistry. She was the recipient of the

Irene C. Howard Memorial Scholarship.

## Bank2 Banking Scholarship – In Memory of Mr. Robert Walton

Ms. Emily Cole is the recipient of the Bank2 Banking Scholarship – In Memory of Mr. Robert Walton in the amount of \$4,000 (\$2,000 per semester). She will be a freshman at Oklahoma State University majoring in management with a human resources option.



**Emily Cole**

She plans to pursue a career as a bank manager.

## Chickasaw Foundation Grants

Ms. Tisha Cully is one of five recipients for a \$1,000 Chickasaw Foundation Grant (\$500 per semester). She will be a freshman at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma majoring in computer science.



**Tisha Cully**

## Chickasaw Foundation Grants

Ms. Emily Dean is the second recipient of a \$1,000 Chickasaw Foundation Grant (\$500 per semester). She will be a sophomore at Harding University majoring in business and marketing.



**Emily Dean**

## Chickasaw Foundation Grants

Mr. Benjamin McGuire is the third recipient of a \$1,000 Chickasaw Foundation Grant (\$500 per semester). He will be a sophomore at the University of Arkansas majoring in mechanical engineering.



**Benjamin McGuire**

## Chickasaw Foundation Grants

Mr. Blaine Morgan is the fourth recipient of a \$1,000 Chickasaw Foundation Grant

(\$500 per semester). He will be a sophomore at Oklahoma Christian University majoring in mechanical engineering. He was the recipient of the Computer-craft Corporation Scholarship.



**Blaine Morgan**

## Chickasaw Foundation Grants

Mr. Logan Walcher is the fifth recipient of a \$1,000 Chickasaw Foundation Grant (\$500 per semester). He will be a freshman at the University of Central Oklahoma majoring in graphic design.



**Logan Walcher**

## Mary K. Moreland & Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship

Ms. Johnie Dewbre is the recipient of the Mary K. Moreland & Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 (\$1,000 per semester). She will be a senior at Southeastern Oklahoma State University majoring in elementary education.



**Johnie Dewbre**

## Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship

Ms. Kirsten Dorsey is the first recipient of the Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 (\$750 per semester). She will be a senior at Tufts University majoring in American studies with a emphasis on Native American studies and fine arts with a focus in metal working.



**Kirsten Dorsey**

## Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship

Ms. Amber Elmore is one of two recipients for the Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500. She is a 2nd year vo-tech student attending Meridian Technology Center where she is majoring in radiology technology. She was



**Amber Elmore**

the recipient of the 2002 Ann Eubank Health Scholarship.

## Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship

Ms. Tawannah Love is the second recipient for the Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500. She is a graduate student attending East Central University majoring in human resources (administration). She is the past recipient of the 2005 Wesley D. Brantley Scholarship and the 2006 Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship.



**Tawannah Love**

## Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship

Ms. Tina Gilmore is one of two recipients for the Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship in the amount of \$500. She is a graduate student attending the University of North Texas where she is majoring in rehabilitation counseling.



**Tina Gilmore**

## Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship

Ms. Kathryn McMahon is the second recipient for the Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship in the amount of \$500. She will be a graduate student at Capella University majoring in management of nonprofit agencies.



**Kathryn McMahon**

## John Bennett Herrington Scholarship

Mr. Richard Heller is the recipient of the John Bennett Herrington Scholarship for a maximum amount of \$10,000 annually for up to two years. He will be a junior at the University of Oklahoma majoring in mechanical engineering.



**Richard Heller**

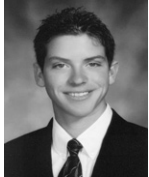


# 2007-2008 Chickasaw Foundation scholarship recipients

## Upward Bound & Educational Talent Search Leadership Scholarship

Mr. Jacob Hubbard is one of two recipients for the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound & Educational Talent Search Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 (\$1,250 per semester).

He will be a freshman at Oklahoma Christian University majoring in business management.



**Jacob Hubbard**

## Upward Bound & Educational Talent Search Leadership Scholarship

Ms. Rachel Wilkins is the second recipient for the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound & Educational Talent Search Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 (\$1,250 per semester). She will be a freshman at the University of Central Oklahoma majoring in pre-physical therapy.



**Rachel Wilkins**

## Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship

Mr. Jay Husband is one of four recipients for the Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). He will be a freshman at Lyon College majoring in business and minoring in math.



**Jay Husband**

## Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship

Mr. Brett Knight is the second recipient for the Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). He will be a junior at Oklahoma City University majoring in business administration with a minor in political science.



**Brett Knight**

He was the recipient of the 2006 Computercraft Corporation Scholarship.

## Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship

Ms. Mindy Morgan-Holt is the third recipient for the Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). She will be a senior at Abilene Christian University majoring in finance and marketing. She was the recipient of the 2004 Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship and the 2005 Computercraft Corporation Scholarship.



**Mindy Morgan-Holt**

## Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship

Mr. Daniel Roberts is the fourth recipient for the Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). He will be a junior at Oklahoma State University majoring in accounting with a minor in finance.



**Daniel Roberts**

## Donald D. Gunning Memorial Scholarship

Ms. Dolly Krips is the recipient of the Donald D. Gunning Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500. She will be a freshman at Johnson County Community College where she will obtain her associate of applied science degree.



**Dolly Krips**

## Judicial Scholarship - Law Student

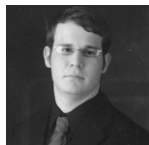
Mr. Brandon Little is the recipient of the Judicial Scholarship - Law Student Scholarship in the amount of \$500. He will be a freshman at Colorado State University pursuing a double major in political science and economics with an emphasis in pre-law.



**Brandon Little**

## Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Scholarship

Mr. Jared Wingo is the re-



**Jared Wingo**

recipient of the Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,250. He will be a freshman at the University of Oklahoma majoring in aerospace engineering.



**Thomas Luman**

## Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Scholarship

Mr. Thomas Luman is a continued recipient of the Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,250. He will be a sophomore at the University of Oklahoma majoring in aviation. Mr. Luman was honored at the Wiley Post Spirit Award Banquet in January 2007.

## Bill Fryrear Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Timothy Poorbaugh is the first recipient of the Bill Fryrear Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). He will be a sophomore at the University of Alabama majoring in history with a minor in anthropology. He was the recipient of the 2006



**Timothy Poorbaugh**

Mary K. Moreland and Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship.

## Wesley D. Brantley, Jr. Scholarship

Ms. Ariana Seidel is the recipient of the Wesley D. Brantley, Jr. Scholarship in the amount of \$500. She will be a freshman at Pennsylvania State University majoring in social work.



**Ariana Seidel**

## Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship

Ms. Tamra Shackelford is the recipient of the Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship in the amount of \$500. She will be a freshman at East Central University majoring in business administration.



**Tamra Shackelford**

## Janie Hardwick Benson Memorial Scholarship

Ms. Shalaine Smith is the recipient of the Janie Hardwick Benson Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500. She will be a junior at the University of Texas Health & Science at San Antonio majoring in nursing.



**Shalaine Smith**

## Mitch Musgrove Memorial Scholarship

Ms. Talina Tidmore is the recipient of the Mitch Musgrove Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$250. She will be a sophomore at East Central University majoring in business administration-finance with a minor in communication.



**Talina Tidmore**

She was the recipient of the 2006 Bank2 Ta'ossaa-asha Scholarship.

## Mooniene Ogee Memorial Scholarship

Ms. Lyndee Warren is the recipient of the Mooniene Ogee



**Lyndee Warren**

Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500. She will be a senior at Oklahoma State University majoring in elementary education with a minor in Spanish.

## Vinnie May Humes Memorial Scholarship

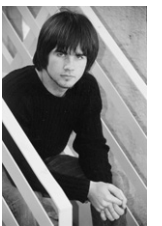
Mr. Josiah White is the recipient of the Vinnie May Humes Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500. He will be a senior at Oklahoma Baptist University majoring in health, physical education and recreation K-12.



**Josiah White**

## Irene C. Howard Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Caleb Wingo is the recipient of the Irene C. Howard Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$8,000 (\$4,000 per semester). He will be a senior at East Central University majoring in medical physics with a minor in mathematics.



**Caleb Wingo**

## Diabetes Support Group

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## Bank2 President likes banks' foundation, future



**Bank2 President Rod Whitson, left, and Bank2 CEO Ross Hill.**

**By ROSS HILL  
Chief Executive Officer  
Bank2**

Since 2001 the Chickasaw Nation has been building one of the fastest growing Native American banks in the country. Day-after-day the dream of improving financial opportunities in Indian Country is recognized at Bank2. Today more than 50 percent of Bank2's business is in Indian Country. Bank2 was founded on the principle of Native Americans helping Native Americans. That principle continues as the driving force behind everything we do at Bank2.

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of Commerce and without question one of the fastest growing minority-owned banks in the nation with over \$85 million in assets.

Bank2 has seen incredible success. While it would be easy to be satisfied with all that has been accomplished, doing so would leave many dreams unfulfilled. From the beginning and as the bank has grown, I have served in the capacity of President and CEO. It has been my honor and privilege to do so. As the bank began to explore additional opportunities, it became clear we must divide and conquer if we are to obtain our full potential.

It is for this reason that I am proud to announce that Rod Whitson has joined Bank2 as our new President. No, I am not planning to fade off into the sunset. I wouldn't miss where we are heading for anything in the world. I'm excited now more than ever knowing we are adding talent like Rod to our executive team. I will maintain my role as Bank2's CEO while Rod assumes the duties associated with being our President. Rod most recently served as President of The Townsend Agency in San Diego, a marketing communica-

tions firm specializing in business-to-business marketing.

Rod is no stranger to Bank2. As a Cherokee he has a great appreciation for the accomplishments of the Chickasaw Nation. During the founding days of Bank2 Rod was a critical advisor to the Chickasaw Nation. Once the bank was established, Rod continued to work with the Bank2 Board of Directors facilitating and leading strategic planning and product development. He has been with us every step of the way. I guess it is fair to say that he has worked himself into a full time job! Having him on board says much about the type of organization we have become. Men of his caliber are hard to come by. His knowledge and experience in banking, business growth strategies, branding, strategic planning and marketing is unparalleled. It will be exciting to see him help us continue our growth at Bank2.

I asked Rod what he thought about joining the executive team at Bank2 and this is what he had to say:

"I've watched the bank grow from some rough ideas in a PowerPoint presentation to becoming the leading financial institution serving Native America. The bank's management team and board have built a solid foundation and reputation and the bank is now poised to go to the next level. We have really only just tapped the potential market in Indian Country. I'm excited to be associated with a bank whose sole purpose is to help people build better lives. It is obvious Bank2 fulfills its purpose dozens of times each day."

As a seasoned banker, business leader, strategic planner, critical thinker and Native American, Rod Whitson is the perfect person to step into the role of President at Bank2. We

look forward to the future as he leads Native American Services, Government Contracting, New Product Development, Asset Liability Management, and Regulatory Compliance oversight for Bank2. Please join me in welcoming Rod Whitson back to Oklahoma and to our executive leadership team at Bank2.

*Ross A. Hill is CEO of Bank2. Bank2 is a growing \$85 million full service financial institution with headquarters in Oklahoma City, Okla. Bank2 is owned 100% by the Chickasaw Nation. It's About Money is published monthly by Bank2 as a financial service to members of the Chickasaw Nation. To learn more about the many great financial services and Bank2 home loan programs designed especially for Native Americans, call toll-free nationwide, 1-877-409-2265 or online at [www.bank2.biz](http://www.bank2.biz).*

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# Historic 1959 tribal meeting at Ada's Aldridge Hotel

By **RICHARD GREEN**  
Contributing Writer

One of the most important events in twentieth century Chickasaw history occurred in Ada's Aldridge Hotel, very likely in 1959. Despite the importance of the event, it has not been commemorated by the tribe or by Ada, even though the city's website documents the building's historic status in other ways.

The event received no publicity, in part, because no date has been attached to it. The participants knew the meeting they were attending could be important, but they weren't aware that they might be making history.

Fortunately, the man who in 1992 was the only survivor of the meeting not only told me about the Aldridge session but also put the event in historical context.

That informant was Overton James who I was interviewing that fall in my initial assignment to research the tribe's history. He told me that a group of Chickasaw elders asked him to meet with them to discuss organizing and leading a grass-roots effort

to reclaim and revitalize tribal government.

The elders were interested in James in no small part because he was the son-in-law of one of them, the Reverend Jess Humes, whose political experience exceeded the others. But even more to the point, James was a handsome, well-educated and well-spoken nearly full-blood Chickasaw.

Humes, Abijah Colbert and the Rev. Jonas Imotichey definitely were at the meeting. James said possibly others were there, but he couldn't recall for sure. They met probably in the Aldridge Hotel's ground floor coffee shop, likely on a Saturday (a day off for James) in the late summer or fall.

Jess Humes would have made the introductory remarks as he was presenting his son-in-law to the group. Humes had married James's mother, Vinnie May, in 1956. At the time, Humes had been grooming his son, Rusty Humes, to lead Chickasaws to a tribal renaissance. But three days after the wedding, Rusty fell off an oil rig and was killed. Soon after the funeral, Jess told Vinnie May that he had begun to pray that his "new son,"

Overton, would someday feel the call to lead the tribe.

Now at the Aldridge coffee shop, Humes would find out if his prayers had been answered. Not a lot of background information was required at the meeting because Humes and James had undoubtedly discussed the situation and the need. However, it was unlikely that James had made up his mind in advance. Otherwise, he could have simply told Jess that he had accepted the request of the elders and the meeting would not have been needed.

That the meeting was about to convene meant that it was necessary either because James had to be persuaded or because the others wanted to be sure he was the right man, or both. Colbert and Imotichey trusted Humes's judgment, but taking on leadership of a fledgling grass-roots organization would be very time-consuming and require extraordinary commitment and dedication. Moreover, Overton was just 34 years old, he had a full-time job, a wife and young daughter, he lived in Oklahoma City - 100 miles from Ada - and he had no experience dealing with politicians or the federal government.

On the other hand, he was very smart, a quick learner and good listener, personable and very ambitious. Certainly he was well prepared to make a good living for his family. In fact, he already was. He had recently moved the family from Shattuck, in western Oklahoma, where he had been a teacher and elementary school principal, to Oklahoma City. He was now the state sales manager for Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia, at a salary double the \$6,000 he had been paid as a school principal. Plus, he had a company car. On the plus side, his schedule required him to spend about one-fourth of his travel time in the old Chickasaw and Choctaw nations.

As they shook hands and took their seats around the table, a certain amount of tension must have been palpable. Was Overton James their man? If he seemed to be, would he accept their offer? If the answer to either question was no, they realized that their goal of revitalizing the Chickasaw tribe would

be no closer to reality than it was when they began meeting nearly a decade previously. They had no Plan B.

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The last tribal election sanctioned by the tribe and the U.S. was in 1904. Afterward, the governor of the tribe was selected by the President every two years. Upon the death of Governor Douglas H. Johnston in 1939, Floyd Maytubby was selected. He got the job because he had influential friends in Oklahoma and Washington, D.C. Although technically the president made the appointment, it had become senatorial patronage and Maytubby was reappointed because he remained popular with Oklahoma's two senators and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) officials.

By 1950, he was not popular with Chickasaws. In fairness, probably most Chickasaws didn't even know who he was. But Jess Humes, who had been an advisor to Gov. Johnston and repeatedly tried to work with Gov. Maytubby, had come to believe rank and file Chickasaws could benefit from a change at the top. Furthermore, Maytubby was in office technically to close out tribal affairs. But the same had been true of Gov. Johnston, who nonetheless had held tribal meetings and tried to be helpful though he had little real power.

The Chickasaw democratic reformist movement probably began in September 1951. That's when Chickasaws met at Seeley Chapel, north of Tishomingo, and passed a resolution to President Harry Truman asking that he withhold the reappointment of Maytubby until a tribal election could be held similar to the one that the Choctaws had conducted in 1948. Truman probably never saw the telegram; such appointments were handled administratively by the Interior department. In any case, the resolution was ignored and Maytubby was reappointed in October.

On the telegram, Humes had been identified as chairman. Though physically imposing at six feet three inches, Humes was a gentle, soft-spoken man who preferred to make his points in concise, reasonable hand-written letters to selected members

of Congress and the BIA.

Oddly, the man who did more to breathe life into the Chickasaw democratic movement was the Choctaw chief, Harry J.W. Belvin. Known to friend and foe alike as Jimmy, Belvin actively campaigned for chief in a non-binding election in 1946 against Chief Will Durant. Belvin won, but Durant received the appointment. Subsequently, Belvin persuaded key members of Congress and Interior officials to sanction a referendum for chief in 1948. Belvin won again, and this time the will of tribal members was not ignored and Belvin received the appointment.

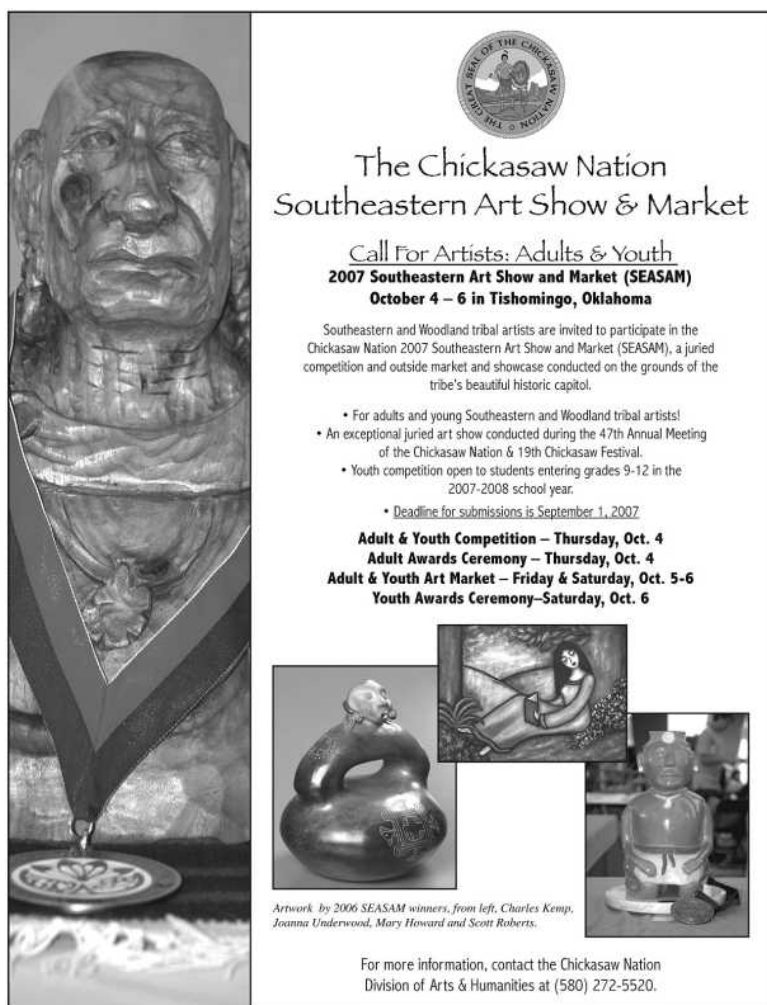
Belvin was also head of the Choctaw-Chickasaw Confederation, and as such, he began encouraging Chickasaws to petition the government for the right to elect their own governor. In response, Maytubby wrote to Senator Robert Kerr (D-OK), pointing out that an election was impractical, as Chickasaws were scattered throughout the country, and that an election would be too expensive. For good measure, he mentioned that he was doing a very fine job as governor.

Maytubby also complained to sympathetic federal officials about Belvin's "meddling" in tribal affairs. It is obvious in the correspondence between Maytubby and Paul Fickinger, a BIA area director in Muskogee, that both men detested Belvin. Yet, he, like other modern, well-educated Indian leaders, knew that the times were changing. American Indians were beginning to demand a say in the way their tribes were governed.

One was Myrtle Creason, also with the Choctaw-Chickasaw Confederation. In 1952, she wrote Senator Kerr asking him to intervene so that tribes could begin selecting their own tribal leaders "without interference or sanction of the [Indian] Bureau."

Ironically, the tribal awakening was occurring as the Eisenhower Administration was attempting to terminate tribal governments in favor of assimilating Indians into the

*See Aldridge Hotel, page 37*



**The Chickasaw Nation**  
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Artwork by 2006 SEASAM winners, from left, Charles Kemp, Joanna Underwood, Mary Howard and Scott Roberts.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation  
Division of Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.



## 2007 Hall of Fame Inductees, continued from page 1

honor each of these outstanding Chickasaw citizens," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We have all reaped the benefits of the contributions these men and women have made in the fields of literature, culture and government.

"It is one of the most gratifying duties of my job to recognize individuals such as these who embody all the best qualities of Chickasaw people."

Each of the inductees expressed their pride in being Chickasaw and gratitude for the award.

Ms. Hogan is a poet, short story writer, novelist, playwright, and essayist. She has played a prominent role in the development of contemporary Native American poetry and prose.

Her novel "Mean Spirit" was a finalist for a Pulitzer in 1990 and won an Oklahoma Book Award for Fiction in 1991. She was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Native Writers' Circle of the Americas in 1998. Other awards are too numerous to list.

Ms. Hogan gave much of the credit for her success to her ancestors, her family and friends who shared their experiences and their spiritual connection to the land.

"This award is for our line of ancestors and us as a part of our ongoing Chickasaw history," she said.

Mr. Browning began his career with the BIA at age 19. In 1991, he received the Meritorious Service Award from the Department of the Interior in recognition of his dedicated service and out-

standing contributions on behalf of Indian people.

Browning served as superintendent of the local BIA Agency from 1979 to 1993. He assisted in establishing Chickasaw Nation compacts for control of many BIA programs. He also helped establish the Chickasaw Nation health clinic in Ardmore. Mr. Browning said he had dealt with many tribes in his long career, and feels "very fortunate" to have been involved in the progress the Chickasaw Nation has made in recent decades.

"It's my opinion that the Chickasaws are the most adaptable, practical, aggressive of all the Indian tribal groups I have ever encountered. And I am proud to be Chickasaw," he said.

Mrs. Brown is a fluent speaker of the Chickasaw language and has considerable knowledge of Chickasaw history and culture.

She serves on the Chickasaw Language Committee, the Chickasaw Nation Historical society and the tribal election board. She also makes use of her knowledge in her work as a consultant to Wickliffe Mounds Archeological Site in Kentucky, the Union County Historical and Genealogical Museum in Mississippi, and The Old Post Office Museum also in Mississippi.

Mrs. Brown began her remarks in Chickasaw, then translated them into English.

"By having intelligent leadership to direct our nation on the right trail, we Chickasaws have come a long way," she said.

She added that the Chickasaw way of sharing and caring for one another had sustained the tribe through many generations.

"When faced with difficult times, they shared all they had. This was more than an act of kindness, rather it was a way of life," she said. "These acts have sustained us and allowed us to survive."

Mr. Stephens served on the original steering committee which wrote the by-laws of the Chickasaw Nation in 1978. He served two terms as a Chickasaw tribal legislator and was the first chairperson of that legislative body. He was director of cultural resources and served as chairman of the cultural commit-

tee for the Chickasaw Nation. Mr. Stephens was the first gaming commissioner for the Chickasaw Nation. He also served as chairman and vice-chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association.

Mrs. Stephens-Wallace Wallace said she and her family were "very touched" by the honor.

She said that her father would be very pleased to see the progress the tribe has made in recent years.

"While he would never take credit for any of this, we can't help but believe that his vision and hard work so many years ago somehow built a portion of the foundation of what we see here tonight," she said.

Mr. Herrington said when he was chosen as a Hall of Fame

inductee, his wondered why he was being honored for doing his job, which was something he enjoyed doing.

"I think it's really indicative of who we are as Native people and as Chickasaw people that we take pride not in what we do, but in where we come from - in our families and in our tribe," he said.

"It's up to the tribe to recognize the accomplishments of those within the tribe who bring great credit to the tribe, and we've done just that this evening. And I'm deeply humbled an honored to participate in that and be part of this."

*Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.*

### Directory established for tribal entrepreneurs

A directory of businesses owned by Chickasaws is being created to help promote economic opportunity for tribal entrepreneurs.

There is no cost to be listed in the directory, which will include the name of the business, contact and location informa-

tion, as well as information on the goods or services provided by the business.

In addition to a printed directory, a web site will be created to enable electronic access to all information.

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American melting pot. When the Interior department informed Chief Belvin that the tribe no longer needed a full-time chief, he contacted Congressman Carl Albert, whose Third district encompassed almost the entire Choctaw Nation and a portion of the Chickasaw Nation. Albert favored tribal democracy and, working behind the scenes, helped Belvin remain full-time chief.

Meanwhile, the Chickasaws founded the Chickasaw Tribal Council (CTC) at Seeley Chapel in 1954. Representing the new council, Humes and Colbert signed a letter calling for Maytubby's immediate resignation. They cited "negligence of duty" and "failure to protect the rights and interests of the tribe," but provided no details. They sent a copy of the resolution to Sen. Kerr who asked an aide to find out from Maytubby what the "rukus" [sic] is about." No follow-up correspondence was found in Kerr's papers and Maytubby's personal papers have never been found and may have been destroyed.

In 1955 the CTC submitted two petitions asking for tribal elections. One was signed by 227 Chickasaws and the other by 213. Fickinger wrote that tribal referendums were "unjustified." Maytubby wrote that Belvin, as an outside agitator, was responsible for the petitions, which was partially true, but added, erroneously, that no Chickasaw had ever lodged any complaint with him about the way he was conducting tribal business.

Maytubby's term would be up in October and he had lined up numerous influential endorsements. By contrast, the CTC and Choctaw-Chickasaw Confederation were not promoting a candidate and seemed disorganized. A letter was sent asking for a tribal referendum for governor, but by the time it was received, Maytubby already had been reappointed.

If the leaders were discouraged after more than five years of fruitless labor, it didn't show. They may have shared the widespread Indian belief that things happen when they are supposed to happen. In 1958, Jonas Imotichey sent a short note to Rep. Albert asking that Maytubby be replaced the next year

by Bobby Page Boyd, apparently the first time that a name other than Maytubby's had been advanced for governor.

Born in Wapanucka, Boyd headed west for a movie career. Though he said he had appeared in two movies, he returned to Oklahoma and said that he graduated from Oklahoma City University in 1956. In between jobs, he came to believe that Floyd Maytubby wasn't doing anything for tribal members, so he decided to campaign for the selection. Though the idea was his own, Imotichey and a few others wrote letters in his behalf. His own letters to federal officials were badly written and contained unsupported statements. Among others, he claimed that petitions written over the last dozen years had been "endorsed by 99% of the Chickasaws" but charged that "someone stops them" before they are received.

When Maytubby got word of Boyd's campaign, he wrote to Fickinger that Boyd had been in Hollywood posing as the Chickasaw vice-chief and had been involved in shady oil deals. Whether or not Boyd was a con man, Maytubby didn't need to smear his potential opponent. Boyd told me in 1993 that he had been interested in the job primarily for the money, but when he discovered that the governor's salary was only \$3,000, he began to lose interest, and when no groundswell of support materialized, his campaign fizzled out.

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During the discussion at the Aldridge meeting, Overton James asked about making a concerted effort to educate the governor. It had been tried, they said. Why, just recently, Humes said, they had invited Maytubby to Seeley Chapel. He surprised them by saying he would be there. But he showed up very late, and stayed for less than a half hour.

Jess Humes explained to his son-in-law that although Maytubby wasn't doing anything for Chickasaws, he also wasn't violating any laws or behaving scandalously. So the elders lacked grounds which federal officials *would understand* to have him removed. That was why whenever Maytubby's term

was about to expire, they would write letters requesting the right to have a tribal referendum like the Choctaws.

But they were always told that the difference was that a large percentage of Choctaws backed Chief Belvin. The Chickasaw approach seemed to be "anybody but Maytubby," which Interior found unacceptable. They needed someone to campaign for the nomination who could galvanize wide-spread action among the tribal members.

There are no notes of the meeting, but it is likely that rather than tell James that he was their only hope, they accentuated the positive. If he would be willing to dedicate himself to the task of organizing and leading a grass-roots campaign, he would succeed. Jimmy Belvin had succeeded.

James told them the job they were describing was much too big for one man. And he had a new full-time job that paid very well. He couldn't jeopardize this new position or sell his new company short. So it may have seemed that he was turning

them down. But he said what he meant was that he wouldn't even think of taking on such a task by himself.

Then he told them, "I will do it if I have your *active* support. We would have quarterly community meetings throughout the Chickasaw Nation, find out what's on people's minds and ask for their support." It would be a true grass-roots movement, he said, and if it "got big enough and active enough, the government wouldn't be able to roll over us or ignore us."

It would be uphill, he continued. "Maytubby obviously has the support of the people who have kept him there for almost twenty years. But with your help, I will commit up to ten years to this effort."

Ten years!? Such a pledge must have been music to their ears. Each man solemnly proclaimed his support. Then they

rose and shook hands. Reverend Humes asked them to bow their heads and closed the meeting with a benediction in Chickasaw. In the tribe's long history, a bright new chapter was beginning.

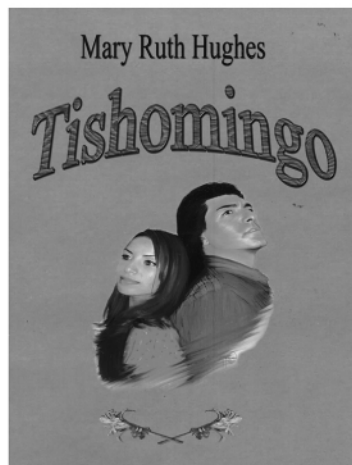
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Postscript: With the help of Humes, Imotichey, Colbert, Chief Belvin and many others, Overton James organized and led the grass-roots movement. Over the next four years, the movement grew and became more influential and effective. In the fall of 1963, Overton James was named governor by President John F. Kennedy and was sworn in at Seeley Chapel on October 17. The first tribal election was held in 1971 and Gov. James was repeatedly reelected until his retirement in 1987. Since then, he has been governor emeritus of the tribe.



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**Presented by:** Judy Goforth-Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

**General Resolution Number 24-052**

**Authorization for Chickasaw Nation Health System to Apply for Indian Health Service Tribal Management Grant**

**Application Due Date:** August 3, 2007

**Amount Requested:** Approximately \$100,000 per year for three years; estimated total funding of \$300,000.

**Matching Requirements:** None

**Project Period:** January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2011

**Project Abstract:** The Chickasaw Nation Health System will hire contractors to develop, test, and install this system and provide training to Chickasaw Nation staff performing support activities. This initiative

will include appropriate collaboration with the Chickasaw Nation Information Technology Department, Chickasaw Nation Division of Treasury and various departments of the Chickasaw Nation Health System.

**Requested by:** Governor Bill Anoatubby

**Presented by:** Dean McManus, Committee Chair Human Resources Committee

Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

**General Resolution Number 24-053**

**Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of RSE Enterprises, Inc.**

**Mr. Brian Campbell**

**Explanation:** This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Brian Campbell to the board of directors of RSE Enterprises, Inc. Mr. Campbell will fill the first of three (3) seats on the Board of Directors of the company which was purchased by the Chickasaw Nation on May 8, 2007. Mr. Campbell will fill an unexpired three-year term, beginning with the ratification of appointment, and ending on October 1, 2010.

Mr. Campbell's Vita is attached hereto.

**Requested by:** Governor Bill Anoatubby

**Presented by:** Dean McManus, Committee Chair Human Resources Committee

Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

**General Resolution Number 24-054**

**Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of RSE Enterprises, Inc.**

**Mr. Tim Colbert**

**Explanation:** This resolu-

tion approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Tim Colbert to the Board of Directors of RSE Enterprises, Inc. Mr. Colbert will fill the second of three (3) seats on the Board of Directors of the company which was purchased by the Chickasaw Nation on May 8, 2007. Mr. Colbert will fill an unexpired three-year term, beginning with the ratification of appointment, and ending on October 1, 2009.

Mr. Colbert's Vita is attached hereto.

**Requested by:** Governor Bill Anoatubby

**Presented by:** Dean McManus, Committee Chair Human Resources Committee

Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods,

Abstain: Tim Colbert, Scott Colbert

**General Resolution Number 24-055**

**Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of RSE Enterprises, Inc.**

**Mr. John Elliott**

**Explanation:** This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. John Elliott to the Board of Directors of RSE Enterprises, Inc. Mr. Elliott will fill the third of three (3) seats on the Board of Directors of the company which was purchased by the Chickasaw Nation on May 8, 2007. Mr. Elliott will fill an unexpired three-year term, beginning with the ratification of appointment, and ending on October 1, 2008.

Mr. Elliott's Vita is attached hereto.

**Requested by:** Governor Bill Anoatubby

**Presented by:** Dean McManus, Committee Chair Human Resources Committee

Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David

Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

**General Resolution Number 24-056**

**Approval of Development Budget Amendment**

**Ardmore Senior Center Remodel**

**Explanation:** The Chickasaw Nation holds its elders in high esteem and, through the Division of Aging, helps to enhance their quality of life by providing programs and facilities geared for their specific needs and desires.

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Ardmore Senior Center Remodel, Project Number 20-0052-05 in the amount of \$604,659.00. The Chickasaw Nation Division of Aging is using this facility to serve hot, nutritious meals to elders, and to provide a facility for social interaction through games, crafts, etc. This is an older Senior Site

and has served the community well, but the increase of the participants has outgrown the capacity of the building to provide adequate service to our elders. As the Chickasaw Nation prospers, we seek to enhance the programs and facilities for our elders. The building needs to be expanded so the program can grow and benefit the Ardmore and Carter County Area.

**Requested by:** Bill Anoatubby, Governor

**Presented by:** Holly Easterling, Committee Chair Finance Committee

Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

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*Becky Lynn Fife*

Becky Lynn Fife, 11, died August 3, 2007. Funeral services were Aug. 8, 2007 at Shaw and Sons Funeral Chapel with interment in Terrace Heights Memorial Park, Yakima, Wash.

Becky was born and raised in Yakima, and attended Ahtanum Valley Elementary School.

Becky lived life to the fullest, slowing down only long enough to admire the wildflowers and occasional butterfly. She loved spending time with her brothers, cousins, aunts, and uncles and going to grandma and grandpa's house. Her greatest joy in life was playing soccer. Becky loved her team and coaches. She was passionate about her faith and loved going to AWANA at the Wiley Union Church.

She is survived by her parents, Chad and Nancy (Leslie) Fife; brothers Bobby Holeyton and Ricky Fife, all of Yakima; grandparents Helen and Danny Leslie, Wendie and Hank Fallert all of Cowiche, Wash., and Chuck Fife, of Yakima; great-grandmothers Dorothy Fuss, of Naches, Wash., and Sparky Fife of Selah, Wash.; an uncle, Terry Leslie and his son Trevor Leslie, of Cowiche; an aunt, Kori Fife and her children Dezarhae, Nathaniel, Junior and Enrique, all of Naches, Wash.; and numerous great aunts, uncles, cousins and countless friends.

She was preceded in death by her uncle, James Danny Leslie; great-grandparents Walter "Pete" Leslie, Fannine (Riley) Leslie, George Fife, and Leslie Schauer; great-great-grandparents, Nannie (Wade) Leslie, Will Leslie, Lester and Nancy Buchanan, Charles Heath and Helen (Lisle) Heath; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

*Evelyn "Bicy" Berry*

Evelyn "Bicy" Berry, 82, died June 2, 2007 at Ardmore, Okla. Services were June 6, 2007 at Rose Hill Cemetery, Ardmore, with Pastor Billy Smith officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery, Ardmore.

Mrs. Berry was born Dec. 21, 1924 to Robert W. and Ruby (Eddington) McCurtain.

She married Cecil Berry, Sr., July 4, 1946 at Gainesville, Texas.

She worked for many years until her retirement in housekeeping at Lake Murray Lodge. She enjoyed being with people and visiting in the Chickasaw language with family and friends. She was an avid gardener and was fond of wild onions. In her youth she loved riding horses and in her later years she enjoyed spoiling her grandchildren and shopping for them. She will be remembered for her love of children and as a wonderful mother and mother-in-law.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a grandchild, Tonya Rhae Berry Post oak; and a great-great-grandchild, Leciea Destiny Ingram.

She is survived by a son, Cecil Berry, Jr., and wife, Alice; four daughters, Phylis Berry, Delores Cordova and husband, Ignacia "Nacho," Nina Molina and husband, Pedro, and Hazel Berry, all of Ardmore; 18 grandchildren; and 37 great-grandchildren.

Bearers were Michael Berry, Erin Berry, Morgan Lee, Pedro Molina, Jorge Soto, Francisco Gutierrez, Ignacio Cordova, Eric Molina and Jesse Molina.

*Stanley James Sweeney*

Stanley James Sweeney, 27, died June 9, 2007. Funeral services were June 14, 2007 at Red Fork Baptist Church, Tulsa, with Rev. Johnny Horner officiating. Burial followed in Memorial Park Cemetery, Tulsa.

Mr. Sweeney was born June 3, 1980 at Tulsa, to Stanley "Roscoe" Sweeney and Brenda (Burch) Sweeney. He was raised in Berryhill, Okla.

He was a 1999 graduate of Berryhill High School and attended Tulsa Technology Center, where he became a certified welder. He was employed at Redman Measurement as a welder and worked as a truck driver part time.

He married Christy (Moree) Sweeney on October 18, 2003, in Eureka Springs, Ark.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Stanley "Roscoe" Sweeney and Brenda (Burch) Sweeney; grandparents, George Burch and Beulah Talley.

He is survived by his wife, Christy; a son, Wyatt; two sisters, Jessica and Brenda "Dee" Sweeney; brothers, Malcolm Sweeney, Jason Apple, Buddy Apple and wife Candie; grandparents, Jim and Margie Sweeney; nieces and nephews; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Pallbearers were Malcolm Sweeney, Jason Apple, Buddy Apple, Bob Sweeney, Jake Thurman, and Jared Inhofe. Honorary pallbearers were Jim Sweeney Jr., Daniel Duran, Lucas Hale, Jake Southerland, Jason Bradford, and Chris Meland.

Stanley liked the outdoors, including hunting and fishing. He loved children and really enjoyed spending time with his son.

We will miss him, and never forget the memories he has left us.

*Yvonne B. Lempera*

Yvonne B. Lempera, 85, of Norman, Okla., died Sunday, July 29, 2007, at Norman. Graveside Services were August 1, 2007, at Antlers City Cemetery in Antlers, Okla., with Reverend

Ron Jarman officiating.

Mrs. Lempera was born November 21, 1921, at Kenefic, Okla., to Nora E. Goforth and Loris V. Barberousse.

She was a graduate of Antlers High School and joined the U.S. Army in February of 1944 where she met her future husband, George R. Lempera. In 1945 they were married at Florida.

She was retired from civil service. Mrs. Lempera was a member of the Antlers Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and brother-in-law, Don W. Burkhardt.

She is survived by a sister, Sue Burkhardt, Norman; a brother, Loris V. Barberousse, Jr., of South Carolina; three nephews, Sonny Burkhardt, Oklahoma City, Tommy Burkhardt and Jimmy Burkhardt, both of Norman; four great-nieces and nephews; and two great-great-nieces.

*John Williford*

John Williford of Fort Worth, Texas died July 26, 2007, at the age of 87 years.

He was born August 8, 1919, in Lebanon, Okla., to Dink Ellis Williford and original Chickasaw enrollee Rosie McLish Williford, a direct descendant of Edmond Pickens, who was a Chickasaw leader during the removal from ancestor lands and during the establishment of the Nation in Indian Territory.

Mr. Williford attended Bethel and Madill (OK) public schools and Chilocco Indian boarding school. He served in CCC Camp in southern Oklahoma, and served his country in WWII with the 1149<sup>th</sup> Quarter Master

Company of the Army Air Corps in North Africa and southern Italy.

He married Bernice Harris of Madill in 1946. They lived and farmed in Lebanon, until relocating to Fort Worth in 1951, where he retired from Bell-Texton in 1986.

He enjoyed working with wood and designed and built wooden WWII airplane models that he loved to give to children, and knives that he gave to friends and family. His hobbies also included cartoon sketches, painting, taxidermy, cross-word puzzles, and photography. He maintained contact with his Army buddies throughout the years and participated in reunions of the 1149 Quarter Master Company until the few remaining members were unable to travel long distances.

He adored his grandchildren, family, and friends, and regardless where he lived he considered the hills, creeks, and fields of southern Oklahoma to be his home.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dink and Rosie Williford; his wife, Bernice; a son, Joseph; a brother, Ruben Williford; and two sisters, Verna Cobb and Rena Bell Friday.

He is survived by a daughter, Sandra Williams and husband Pat; a son, Greg Williford and wife Marilyn; and daughter-in-law Peggy Williford, all of Fort Worth; sisters, Pauline Adkins of Madill, and Lorena Wooley of DeSoto, Texas; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A proud member of the Chickasaw Nation, Mr. Williford was buried in the Keel Cemetery, near Lebanon, July 31, 2007.

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# 2007 Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival

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September 2007

| <b><i>EVENT</i></b>                                              | <b><i>VENUE</i></b>                    | <b><i>DATE</i></b>  | <b><i>TIME</i></b>           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Jr. Olympics                                                     | THS                                    | Sept. 29            | 9:30 a.m.-2 pm               |
| Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament                             | MSC/JCSC                               | Sept. 29 - Sept. 30 | 9 a.m.                       |
| Golf Tournament                                                  | Winstar Golf Course                    | Sept. 29            | 2:45p.m.-UntilFinished       |
| Chickasaw Princess Pageant                                       | Ada Cougar Activity Center             | Oct. 1              | 6 p.m.                       |
| Cultural Tours, Cultural Demonstrations/<br>Youthful Celebration | Capitol Grounds (West Lot)             | Oct.2-Oct. 5        | 9 a.m.-2 p.m.                |
| Kids' Fun to Learn Tent/                                         | Pennington Park                        | Oct.2-Oct.5         | 9 a.m.-2 p.m.                |
| Chickasaw Nation Senior Arts & Crafts                            | Capitol Grounds (West Lot)             | Oct. 3-Oct. 6       | 9 am-2 pm12:00pm-5 pm        |
| Cultural Evening                                                 | Kullihoma – Ada                        | Oct. 2              | 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.           |
| Arts and Culture Awards                                          | MSC (Ballroom)                         | Oct. 4              | 6 p.m. until finished        |
| Gospel Singing                                                   | Capitol Grounds (West Lot)             | Oct. 6              | 2 p.m.-4p.m.                 |
| JC Riding Club Rodeo                                             | Tee Pee Arena (Tishomingo)             | Oct.5- Oct. 6       | 8 p.m.- Until Finished       |
| Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments<br>(Women's & Men's)             | MSC/JCSC<br>Jo. Co. Sports Complex/MSC | Oct. 6-Oct.7        | 9 a.m.<br>Chickasaw Citizens |
| Registration                                                     | MSC                                    | Oct. 6              | 8 a.m.                       |
| State of the Nation Address                                      | Fletcher Auditorium- MSC               | Oct. 6              | 9 a.m.-Until Finished        |
| Chickasaw Artists Exhibition                                     | Grounds behind Capitol                 | Oct. 5-Oct.6        | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.              |
| Band Day Extravaganza                                            | THS                                    | Oct. 6              | 11:30 a.m. -5 p.m.           |
| Parade                                                           | Main Street                            | Oct. 6              | 11:30 a.m. - Until Finished  |
| Chickasaw White House Tours                                      | Emet                                   | Oct. 6              | 12 p.m.-5 p.m.               |
| Cultural Demonstrators                                           | Capitol Grounds (West Lot)             | Oct. 6              | 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.             |
| Chickasaw Lunch                                                  | MSC Campus                             | Oct. 6              | Noon                         |
| Pennington Park Activities Begin                                 | Pennington Park                        | Oct. 6              | 12 p.m.–5 p.m.               |
| Horseshoe Tournament Registration                                | Pennington Park                        | Oct. 6              | 12 p.m.-12:45 p.m.           |
| Horseshoe Tournament                                             | Pennington Park                        | Oct. 6              | 1 p.m.                       |
| Dance Troupe Demonstrations                                      | Capitol Grounds (West Lot)             | Oct. 6              | 1 p.m. –5 p.m.               |



*MSC = Murray State College*  
*JCSC = Johnston County Sports Complex*  
*THS= Tishomingo High School*

For additional information about the 2006 Chickasaw Annual Meeting & Festival, call 1-800-593-3356.